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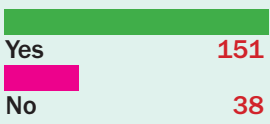
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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's alleged commission of felony, corruption, and neglect of duty are not the only one

under the microscope in the first ever impeachment hearings in the CNMI. The process is also laying bare many of the weaknesses and flaws in the way the CNMI government runs—from the lack of cooperation among law enforcement agencies to non-compliance with procurement rules, a missing prison logbook, and non-functioning prison surveillance cameras.

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Police Capt. Jermaine Nekaifes, right, raises his right hand as he is being sworn in by the Special Committee on Impeachment while his private counsel Brien Sers Nicolas, left, looks on, during Friday afternoon's hearing. The impeachment hearings will resume tomorrow.

PSS fails to restore 45 teachers; tutorial program suspended

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most classes on three islands.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., said the "meager appropriation" provided by the 17th Legislature this school year means that an important program will also be suspended—the English Language program—which is for students that use English as a second language.

» **'Come and feel the pain of students, teachers'**



Sablan

Overcrowding, multi-aged classes, double sessions, and children and teachers bathed in sweat. This is the new reality for all public schools in the Commonwealth, at least until the end of this school year, following revelation Friday that the system failed to restore 45 FTEs for teachers who were supposed to ease—even for just a bit—the situation of

PSS was allocated just \$30 million under the new budget law. A big bulk of that—\$26 million—will go to person-

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OPA probe sought on no-bid landfill contract

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The Office of the Public Auditor has been asked by a private citizen to investigate a sole-source \$229,000 contract awarded to Success International Corp. to provide heavy equipment for the Marpi landfill, while a lawmaker will make the same re-

quest on Tuesday.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) said yesterday that his investigation request would be more than to determine whether a no-bid or emergency contract is justified, but also to determine whether the CNMI risks a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency citation or loss of federal

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Corrections officer wins Club 200's \$15K grand prize

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She scraped the money together just so she would have enough cash to buy for the first time two Club 200 tickets for herself and her partner but Corrections Officer Leslie Sablan never expected to

go home \$15,000 richer.

"This is awesome!" Sablan exclaimed as she was handed her ceremonial check. Her ticket no. 0906 won her the grand prize at the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter's biggest annual fundraising event Saturday night at the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.

The sporadic rain did not put a damper on the estimated 1,200 guests who put on their boots, dressy jeans, and cowboy hats for the Way Out West-themed party for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Sablan, who was accompanied by her partner Mona Magofna at the event, said

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CLARISSA V. DAVID

With her cowboy hat, Corrections officer Leslie Sablan, left, smiles as she holds her \$15,000 ceremonial check with her partner Mona Magofna at the 24th Annual Club 200 fundraiser of the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.

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Education officials, guests, and students gather for a group photo Friday following announcement of the distribution of new laptops for seventh graders in both public and private schools.

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ONE-LAPTOP-PER-CHILD PROJECT ENTERS THIRD YEAR:

1,150 new laptops to be delivered to seventh graders

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Seventh graders in both public and private schools will soon be issued laptops under the Public School System's One-Laptop-Per Child project with the arrival of 1,150 brand new units.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D, led school officials, guests, and Education Board members in announcing the good news to public school students during simple ceremonies at the Hopwood Junior High School library last Friday.

The PSS laptop project enters its third year this year.

The system first distributed over 5,000 laptops for junior and high school students in private and public schools in 2009.

Over a thousand more units were issued the following school year for seventh graders. This year, PSS is committed to distributing 1,150 units for junior high schools.

PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh told *Saipan Tribune* that the laptops were purchased using a portion of the consolidated grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The shipment this year costs about \$450,000 for 1,150 laptops costing \$390 per unit.

Thornburgh said about 940 units will go to all 7th graders in public schools while around 150 will go to private schools.

The model of the new laptops is Acer Aspire One and features WiFi and anti-virus,

among others. Students get to own the units after graduating from high school.

According to PSS E-Rate program coordinator Joe Torres, PSS continues to enforce the "agreement" with parents that in case of damage or loss, the parents will co-share in the repair and replacement of the unit.

To deter the potential loss of units from thieves, all units are labeled "Owned by PSS."

"Over the years, we lost many laptops to thefts and we don't want that to continue to happen. We are working with DPS to recover many stolen laptops for our students," Sablan said.

She said the laptops are intended to help students become more effective and efficient in their learning.

BOE chair Marylou Ada, during Friday's ceremony, encouraged students to take pride in their new laptops, which she said can become the students' "best friend" in their studies. "What PSS and the board are doing is to make sure all our students are up to par with every student in the world by having these laptops. It's free, it's yours, take care of it and use them wisely," Ada said.

NMI Delegate Gregorio Kili Sablan (Ind-MP), who was present at the ceremony, said that PSS is viewed at the national level as among "the best in the nation."

"PSS is a source of pride for me," he told the crowd, adding that the laptop project is the only one in the region.

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Health corporation hires Muña as COO

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Several months after leaving the hospital, Esther Muña is back after being hired as the new chief operating officer of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Muña is the hospital's former chief financial officer and

was acting deputy secretary for hospital administration for many years at the then-Department of Public Health. She resigned in December last year, just months after the new corporation management took over in October.

Corporation board chair Joaquin Torres confirmed yesterday the appointment of Muña as

the new COO, the second highest official at the corporation next to CEO Juan N. Babauta.

Muña replaces Jim Phillips, who was fired after a controversial contract with the Idaho-based International Consulting Services.

Torres said he is confident that Muña can do a better job as COO because of her valuable

knowledge and expertise in hospital operation.

Muña was named the governor's special adviser on Medicaid program soon after she left the corporation last year.

The new terms of her contract remain unknown as of press time. Calls and inquiries for both Babauta and Muña about this latest appointment were not

returned yesterday.

Torres described Muna's return to the hospital as welcome news. However, he said he was only made aware of this latest appointment this week by corporation staff. He said he received no official notification from Babauta about it.

He acknowledged that the board is only an "advisory"

one and has no final say on any decision about hospital operation but he believes that providing "courtesy" to the board is key to creating a good relationship between the board and management.

Muña has served the public hospital for 20 years in various capacities. She officially left the hospital on Jan. 10 this year. Muna was paid \$49,500 per annum as the hospital's chief financial officer until she quit.

Plaintiffs insist on deposing Fitial

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The Senate and Reps. Janet U. Maratita and Ray Anthony N. Yumul are insisting that they be allowed to depose Gov. Benigno R. Fitial so that they could obtain the information they need to proceed with their lawsuit against the governor for a no-bid, \$190-million power purchase agreement.

The Senate, Maratita, and Yumul, through counsel Ramon K. Quichocho, said the "high-ranking official privilege" does not apply in this extraordinary circumstance.

In court papers filed Friday, Quichocho said the people of the CNMI have been unconstitutionally and illegally commit-

ted to pay a mysterious company from Delaware a guaranteed minimum \$190 million no-bid diesel power plant contract for at least 25 years.

The lawyer said that Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, the Legislature, and top officials of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., and the people of the CNMI did not know of the agreement until the deal was leaked to the public.

"In short, there is no one so important that they can

secretly commit the good people of the CNMI to pay a guaranteed minimum of \$190 million for at least 25 years, and not have to sit for deposition to discuss why they did so," Quichocho said.

The Superior Court, he said, should not be tempted by Fitial's invitation to treat him any differently.

Quichocho wants to depose Fitial, House Speaker Eliceo Cabrera, CUC acting director Alan Fletcher, Larson, and Rep. Joseph Palacios.

The Office of the Attorney General, counsel for Fitial, objected to the deposition and moved to quash or modify the notice of deposition and subpoena.

Quichocho said the deposition is not about Fitial's personal knowledge of how much money has already been paid out under the agreement.

"The deposition will be about the who, what, when, where, how, and why of the secret, no-bid, not-even-the-lieutenant-governor-knew-about-it power purchase

agreement," he said.

The Senate, Maratita, and Yumul are suing Fitial, former attorney general Edward Buckingham, CUC, and Saipan Development LLC and wants the court to declare the power purchase agreement "unconstitutional, illegal, unconscionable, and unjust, and therefore, cancelled."

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PSS

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nel cost, \$3 million is reserved for water and power, and \$1 million is intended to be used for all schools’ operation. PSS has nearly 11,000 students, 19 campuses, and 10 Head Start centers in the Commonwealth. The new budget is \$3 million short of what PSS asked for and was “promised” by lawmakers during budget hearings and meetings. “Because we’re not able to restore back any of the posts that we need

to put us back into regular schedule, classes are still going to have large ratios of 33:1; 36:1; and 55:1. I also met with our federal program and instructional staff and I told them that we have to sacrifice one program—our English Language program—because it would not be feasible to implement it this school year,” Sablan said. She said the program suspension would enable Kagman Elementary School to convert the FTEs to regular classes to eliminate double sessions among its fifth graders. Starting tomorrow, Oct. 9, KagES will no longer conduct double sessions, thanks to the fed-

eral funds that pay for the badly needed three FTEs for the school. Classes on Tinian and kindergarten classes in many schools will remain in double sessions due to the non-restoration of 45 FTEs for teachers, according to Sablan. The \$3 million additional funds PSS was asking for was intended to be used to hire more teachers to lessen class ratios to 25 to 26 students per class. Sablan, who appeared several times in budget hearings and conference committee assemblies at the Legislature and provided testimonies even at the 11th hour of the budget hearing pro-

cess, expressed deep disappointment with the lawmakers. She specifically cited four lawmakers, whom she said failed to fulfill their “promise to help” public schools. Sablan was referring to House Speaker Eli Cabrera, vice speaker Felicidad Ogumoro, and Sens. Jude Hofschneider and Jovita Taimanao—who all voted “no” in the budget conference committee to provide PSS the \$33 million it was asking for. “I am very, very disappointed that these lawmakers voted against PSS from receiving \$33 million. I don’t know what happened. Sen. Taimanao

said publicly to me that ‘we will work very hard to give you \$33 million.’ What happened and what changed her mind when she was in that conference committee? I need to understand where the priorities are. The Senate came out publicly announcing the \$33 million... and they turned around and they said “no”? How could they do this to the children of this Commonwealth? They [four lawmakers] should have actually come back and asked us if we can compromise on something...but to turn around and say they’re not voting for it...that’s nonsense!” a visibly upset Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

OPA

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funds if the sole-source contract award violates any EPA consent decree, laws, or regulations. He said the fact that the Division of Environmental Quality was not made aware of a change in heavy equipment contractor for the only EPA-compliant civilian landfill among all Pacific island territories raises a red flag.

Moreover, the investigation he is requesting will also seek to determine whether the governor’s staunch supporters—including Tony Rasiang and Felix Nogis—helped tip the scale in favor of Success International to get the emergency contract award. “How did DPW know that only Success International had the specialized equipment called the rolling compactor they need for the landfill? Does DPW have an EPA certified personnel to oversee the Marpi operations? Did DPW con-

sider PDL’s [Pacific Drilling Ltd.] willingness to help in the transitioning to a new contractor before awarding an emergency contract to Success International?” Tebuteb told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday. A private citizen confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* last night that he had already asked OPA to look into the sole-source contract last week. The private citizen, who asked that his name be withheld, said that part of his request is to check the kind of heavy equipment that Success International has.

“DPW is saying it’s only for 120 days. But what if the RFP process is not done yet after the 120 days? Then they will renew this supposed to be short-term contract?” the concerned citizen said. Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos told reporters Friday that as long as an emergency or no-bid procurement is justified, then it is within laws and regulations. But he said he will look into the contract. Documents obtained by *Saipan Tribune* show that Success International was awarded a no-bid contract to sup-

ply heavy equipment for Marpi landfill’s operations for 120 days until the Department of Public Works issues a request for proposal and award a longer-term contract. The emergency contract requires a monthly payment of \$54,800 or \$219,000 contract price, plus \$10,000 in mobilization cost for a total contract price of \$229,000. Success International is owned by Jun Miao Guo, more known as “Henry Miao.”

GRAND PRIZE

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in an interview that she had already left the festivity when her winning ticket was drawn, hence her surprise when she received congratulatory greetings from the crowd. “It’s my first time to [buy tickets and attend Club 200.] I’ve always wanted to do it. Finally it came and I had enough money to do it,” Sablan, who was soaked from the heavy downpour, said in an interview.

“That was the blessing we had in return for dancing in the rain,” added Magofna. A resident of Kagman, Sablan said she feels overwhelmed with her winnings, which would allow her to help her family. “I really know my family needs so much so I will share my prize money [with] them, my brother, my mother. I know my mother will be out of her mind. She would be so ecstatic!” Sablan said her first-time to support the Red Cross fundraiser is significant for her and “really hits my heart,” being in the military and with the recent deaths among several service members

from the CNMI. “I told my partner, us being here is a contribution to them,” the 368th MP Company sergeant told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that she will use part of her prize money to send herself to military training in the mainland. Sablan was among the several ticket buyers and Red Cross supporters who won big and exciting prize packages that included cold cash, airline tickets, hotel accommodations, lunch and dinner buffets, cellular phones, travel vouchers, appliances, and salon and spa treatments. Besides the raffle, special prizes

were also given away in the treasure chest promotion won by Malou Mendoza of Traders Insurance, Alfreda Camacho of IPS, and Chas Algaier of Marianas High School. Organizers also hosted a costume contest won by couple Melinda and Alan Carrasco, who arrived in an old Western madam and gambler costumes, respectively. Meanwhile, DJ Davy G. took charge of the country song catalogue that blasted from the speakers that night and allowed couple Adam Hardwicke and Jenn Dockter to bag the Western dance contest.

Despite the heavy downpour, Saturday’s crowd savored the hearty buffet and bottomless drinks and were in the mood to party all night as they also grooved to the music of the Japanese country group G GAP, which highlighted the night with a playlist that included a few of their original songs and music from Eagles and Creedence Clearwater Revival, among others. Adding fun that night were the line dancers from Country House Restaurant as they shared the limelight with dozens of spectators. Club 200 is now on its 24th year.

LOGBOOK

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Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio Ogumoro also lashed out at the Special Committee on Impeachment on Friday, saying, “I know we’re wasting government time here.” He went on to invoke his Fifth Amendment right to remain silent “so as not to incriminate myself.” Ogumoro has been identified by witnesses at the impeachment hearings as the highest CNMI government official who told DPS police officers to back off from helping Office of the Public Auditor investigators serve a penal summons on former attorney general Edward Buckingham. That order allegedly came from Ogumoro down to the DPS central office and to police officers in the field, including those who initially waited at the Aquarius Beach Tower where Buckingham and his wife were staying, to help OPA investigators serve the penal summons. The committee is conducting hearings in connection with a resolution impeaching the governor for 16 allegations of corruption, neglect of duty, and felony.

knew OPA was trying to serve him the penal summons but he avoided the service to the extent that he asked DPS officers such as Ambrosio Ogumoro and Police Capt. Jermaine Nekaifes to escort him to the airport. The penal summons was in connection with criminal cases OPA filed against Buckingham on almost the same issues Fitial is being accused of. These involve Buckingham’s dramatic departure from the CNMI using armed police and ports police escorts, the temporary release of a federal inmate from prison to give the governor a massage, the former AG’s hosting of a “meet-and-greet” for a political candidate, the sole-source award of a \$392,406 ARRA management contract to a former Commerce secretary within days of his resigning, and a no-bid \$190.8 million power purchase agreement with Saipan Development LLC, among other issues. An FBI agent successfully served the summons on Buckingham after OPA sought the FBI’s help when it couldn’t get the cooperation of DPS and the Commonwealth Ports Authority’s Ports Police.

Failure to serve While the Impeachment Committee has not heard from any of the witnesses so far that Fitial “directly ordered” Ogumoro and Nekaifes to prevent any penal summons from being served on Buckingham, some members said the “airport incident” shows how police and ports police officers disobeyed the laws they are supposed to uphold—such as serving penal summons instead of helping an individual avoid being served. Rep. Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-

Saipan), chairman of the Impeachment Committee, said it’s premature to say whether the panel is now about ready to recommend the governor’s impeachment to the full House of Representatives because the hearings will continue until Tuesday and if need be, until Wednesday. Press secretary Angel Demapan said last week that the Fitial administration reserves commenting “at this time” because of the ongoing proceedings at the House. “The governor will make comments at the appropriate time,” Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*. Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), during Friday’s hearing, asked DPS Capt. Jermaine Nekaifes to read a section of the Commonwealth Code pertaining to warrants and arrest. Nekaifes is the DPS police officer assigned as security aide/driver to the governor. Subsection (a) reads, “All process in any criminal proceeding... issued in accordance with law and the rules of procedure prescribe in accordance with law, shall be obligatory upon all police officers having knowledge of it, and any police officer to whom the process is given shall promptly make diligent effort to execute or serve it either personally or through another police officer.” Tebuteb also asked successive questions whether Nekaifes was “instructed,” “demanded,” “coerced” or “forced” to shield Buckingham from being served a legal or court document. Nekaifes invoked his Fifth Amendment right. “On the advice of my lawyer, I again respectfully assert my constitutional rights to remain silent under the Fifth Amendment of the United States Con-

stitution and also under Article I Section 4(c) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,” Nekaifes said, reading from a prepared response. There were only a few questions that Nekaifes responded to without invoking his Fifth Amendment right. Nekaifes was with his counsel, Brien Sers Nicolas. One of those questions was from Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), whether Nekaifes picked up Buckingham and his wife from Aquarius Beach Tower. “Yes,” Nekaifes said. Dela Cruz later asked about the relationship between Nekaifes and Buckingham. Nekaifes said, “He’s a friend.” Dela Cruz also asked whether Buckingham asked him over the phone if he can pick them up at the Aquarius Beach Tower, to which Nekaifes answered, “Yes, sir.” The Special Committee showed a KSPN 2 video clip of the events that happened at the airport in the morning of Aug. 4, showing Nekaifes and Ogumoro escorting the Buckinghams at the airport and police officers blocking KSPN 2 reporter Tina Sablan from interviewing Buckingham or going near him. Ambrosio Ogumoro also invoked his Fifth Amendment right on Friday. “Good morning. I know we’re wasting government time here but first of all with all due respect Mr. chairman and the committee, I am invoking my right under the Fifth Amendment. Thank you,” he said. He also handed a written statement to the committee stating, “I’m invoking my right under the Fifth Amendment so as not to incriminate myself.”

Missing prison log book The committee also learned from witnesses during discussions on the articles of impeachment related to the release of a federal inmate to massage the governor that the Department of Corrections was “missing” its “log book for booking.” Corrections Commissioner Ray Mafnas, in documents submitted to the committee, said the logbook “cannot be located.” The committee also subpoenaed all surveillance videos for the date the federal inmate, Qing Mei Cheng, was released from prison to massage the governor. DOC’s report said its recording devices “are not operational” and “therefore, no surveillance videos are found or available.” DOC also presented to the panel the names and hourly salaries of DOC personnel and resources involved in the “inmate release” incident. These include then DOC commissioner Dolores M. Aldan who was paid \$259.96 an hour; Capt. Georgia M. Cabrera, \$14.54 an hour; Sgt. Arnold K. Seman, \$16.03 an hour; and COI Abigail M. Borja, \$8 an hour. The CRV vehicle log’s mileage for the transport of the inmate from DOC to Fitial’s private residence in Gualo Rai was 62692 to 69703. The mileage for the other vehicle used, a Ford Explorer, was not recorded. Glen Hunter, who addressed the committee on Monday as part of the “public comment,” said he believes there’s any justifiable reason at all “why a federal prisoner should ever be removed from custody at 3 in the morning and brought to anyone’s house, let alone the house of the governor and left alone in private with him.”

Kilili: Glitch prevented NMI from using online job tool

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) said a "glitch" was corrected last week that prevented CNMI users from using a free online service that allows workers to check their own employment eligibility status, some eight months since U.S.

Citizenship and Immigration Service announced in February 2012 that E-Verify Self Check website that prevented users in the NMI from using the service.

Sablan said making sure the CNMI is recognized as a part of the United States is an ongoing challenge.

He said last week, USCIS

"reported that it had corrected a glitch in its E-Verify Self Check website that prevented users in the NMI from using the service."

"USCIS had previously announced the system worked in all U.S. states and territories, but this turned out to be false. Your congressional office alerted USCIS to the issue and worked

with them for several months to resolve it," Sablan said.

Self Check provides individuals a tool to check their own employment eligibility status, as well as guidance on how to correct their Homeland Security and Social Security records.

The verification process is tied to an individual's credit information, so users with mul-

multiple residences should enter the address to which their credit history is primarily tied.

"We have been advised that individuals who recently moved to the U.S. from a foreign country or who have limited or no credit histories may still encounter difficulty. Please report any problem with any federal government

agency system that fails to recognize the Northern Mariana Islands to your congressional office," added Sablan, who is seeking a third term in Congress.

For more information on Self Check, visit www.uscis.gov/selfcheck. For more information on USCIS and its programs, visit www.uscis.gov.

Judge denies marine sports operators' contempt motion

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho turned down Friday a request by five marine sports operators to direct the Department of Public Lands and Tasi Tours & Transportation to explain why they should not be held in contempt.

Camacho ruled that the preliminary injunction he issued

stops DPL from enforcing improper rule-making but does not stop it from taking steps to promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

"As a result, although a clear and definite order is in place, the [marine sports operators] cannot demonstrate a violation, and therefore have not met their burden entitling them to an [order to show cause]," said the judge

in a two-page order.

Camacho disposed of the issue without a hearing.

The judge said the court has inherent power to enforce compliance with its orders through civil contempt.

"The plaintiffs bear the burden of showing by clear and convincing evidence that the defendants violated a specific and definite order of the court," Camacho said.

If the plaintiffs make this initial showing, the burden then shifts to the defendants to demonstrate why they were unable to comply, Camacho said.

In their motion, the marine sports operators, through counsel Mark A. Scoggins, asked the court to order DPL and Tasi Tours to show cause why they

should not be held in contempt for allegedly violating the terms of the court's preliminary injunction.

The alleged violation was a recent DPL filing of proposed regulations to amend its 1993 regulations on the commercial use of Managaha Islands.

DPL acting Secretary Ramon S. Salas filed the proposed regu-

lations due to a pending lawsuit filed by the five marine sports operators against DPL.

The operators are suing DPL to invalidate the department's rule that bars them access to their customers on Managaha Island unless they are Tasi Tours or its subcontractors.

The five marine sports operators are Island Marine Sports Inc., Aquatic Marine Co. Inc., Automarine Inc., Seahorse Inc., and BSEA Inc.

Kaipat, 3 others take oath as newest CNMI Bar members



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Newly sworn in members of the CNMI Bar, from left, James D. Livingstone, Jacinta M. Kaipat, Jennifer Dockter, and Frederick B. Hayes Jr. have their picture taken with justices and judges of the CNMI Supreme Court, CNMI Superior Court, and U.S. District Court for the NMI after the admissions ceremony at the CNMI Supreme Court.

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Former representative Jacinta M. Kaipat and three other successful CNMI Bar examinees were sworn in Friday as the newest Bar members of the Commonwealth.

Acting chief justice Alexandro C. Castro administered the attorney's oath for Kaipat, Jennifer Dockter, James D. Livingstone, and Frederick B. Hayes Jr. during the admissions ceremony at the CNMI Supreme Court.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, who came with first lady Josie Fitial, was among several government officials who were in the gallery that was packed mostly with Kaipat's family members, relatives, friends, supporters, and lawyers.

Although happy that she was finally sworn in as a lawyer, Kaipat said she's also very sad that her parents and two brothers could only attend in spirit.

In an interview after the ceremony, Kaipat said it was with a

sigh of relief when she actually passed the Bar exam.

"I'm just very happy this day. It's a happy occasion to celebrate with the community and especially those people, family members, friends on island, off-island who have supported me throughout the years and encouraged me to continue toward this goal," she said.

Kaipat said she is looking forward to continue serving the community. "I will be in a different capacity, but I'll serve with the same heart and desire to help."

Kaipat is now an assistant attorney general assigned at the Office of the Attorney General's Criminal Division where she was first hired a year ago as a legal intern.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, who served as the keynote speaker, reminded the new Bar members that when they step into court, it is the rule of law—not the rule of power and interest—that prevails.

"It is the rule of law that carries us through hard times. When we lawyers—and judges—comport ourselves in such a way that the community sees justice is done, we perform an invaluable service and set an example for our young people," Manglona said.

The chief judge recalled that when she was scrutinized by the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary during her nomination to the bench, the committee focused on professional qualifications, which are integrity, professional competence, and judicial temperament.

"As each of you engage in the practice of law here in the Commonwealth, keep these professional qualifications in mind. You will not only earn the respect of your clients, colleagues, and community, but you will also go a long way in enjoying the privilege and honor of being a counsel of law," Manglona said.

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Go Further

Election Commission staffers to fly to N. Islands for early voting

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Employees of the Commonwealth Election Commission will most likely fly to the Northern Islands to conduct early voting as no government boat is scheduled to sail to the area anytime soon.

Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* that his office is now preparing to send four to five employees to Alamagan and Pagan. The early voting is expected to be completed in two to three days.

Early voting is authorized in the Northern Islands 45 days

before election day. It's 10 days for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota early voters.

The mid-term elections is on Nov. 6 this year.

Since early voting for the Northern Islands started on Sept.

22, the commission has been waiting for any boat sponsored by government agencies to go north. By using government boats, the commission can save up to \$10,000, which is the cost of renting a boat for a few days.

Guerrero said there are 130 registered voters in the Northern Islands. He estimates that

over 70 voters are on Alamagan and Pagan.

He said the commission will most likely send the team on

Nov. 4 and they will be back on Saipan on Nov. 6, election day itself.

Meantime, Guerrero said the commission has already mailed out 1,251 absentee ballots and that it continues to accept absentee requests—through mail, fax, and email—until Oct. 12. Absentee voters may download the request form from the agency's website at www.votecnimi.gov.ph.

There are an estimated 1,500

absentee voters every election year in the Commonwealth.

This mid-term election the following positions are up for grabs: 20 seats in the House of Representatives; three seats in the Senate; three seats for Board of Education; all positions in municipal councils; retention

of judges; and one position for U.S. delegate to Congress.

There are also three legislative initiatives for the voters to ratify: House Legislative Initiative 17-2, which will make the attorney general an elected position; Senate Legislative Initiative 17-12, which seeks to

amend the mission of statement of the Board of Regents of the Northern Marianas College; and House Legislative Initiative 17-5, which will allow the government to float a bond.

The commission printed 18,000 ballots for this year's elections.

» **1,251 absentee ballots sent to date**

Musical, cultural show highlight Korean festival



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Mayor Donald G. Flores and wife Cecilia pose for photos with members of the Daejeon Rainbow Little Singers following the 2012 Korean Festival held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center on Oct. 4.

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Dozens of spectators were given a taste of Korean culture at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center on Oct. 4, with performances of local and visiting groups that highlighted the 2012 Korean Festival.

The Daejeon Rainbow Little Singers and the SMI Chamber Orchestra from Korea, as well as the Saipan Korean Folk Music Poongmulpae drew cheers and applause, even a standing ovation, from members of the audience.

Thursday's event was part of the Korean Festival Day, which was instituted in May 2007 by the President of Korea to encourage some 7 million Koreans who live overseas to celebrate the importance of

their culture.

The event is observed from Oct. 1 to 7, coinciding with the World Festival of Harmony by the Korean government's ministry of foreign events, according to JP Entertainment.

Last week's performers staged a two-hour show following the theme, "Heart beating Korea" for the Korean youth who will become future leaders of this East Asian country.

Saipan Mayor Donald G. Flores welcomed the visiting groups and emphasized the role of music and dance in art and culture, which gives the people a "sense of national identity" and provides a "sense of unity" as it bridges the gap between two different cultures.

"This is a leading example of how music and dance can

bring two countries together, sharing and appreciating the same interests with the same goal to express oneself, inspire and entertain others," added Flores.

The mayor extended his appreciation to the Public School System for providing buses for the Korean performers. The visitors also had a chance to interact with students at Kagman Elementary School during their stay on island.

JP Entertainment, which organized the event, thanked Flores, the principals of Kagman Elementary School, Chacha Oceanview Jr. High School, Marianas Baptist Academy, and Saipan Korean School, Saipan Poong Mul Pe, *Saipan Times*, Tasi Tour, and I-Tour for their participation in the festival.

Man, 47, gets 1 year in prison for sexual abuse of a girl

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo has slapped a 47-year-old man with a one-year prison term without parole for sexually abusing a 7-year-old girl.

Leonardo Lindo Jr. pleaded guilty to sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree as part of a plea deal that suspends his 10-year sentence except for one year, with credit for time served.

He will serve the unsuspended part of his sentenced without the possibility of parole or early release.

After completing his sentence, Lindo will be placed on probation for 10 years. He is also required to pay a \$2,500 fine, \$1,100 in probation and court fees, and perform 500 hours of community service.

Lindo was also required to register as a sex offender and to pay restitution to the victim.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Lindo with one count of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree and one count of indecent exposure in the second degree.

In exchange for pleading guilty to sexual abuse in the second degree, the government agreed to drop the remaining charge.

According to the basis of the plea deal, in March 2012 on Saipan, Lindo had the girl put tape on his private parts and had the child sit on him with her clothes on.

There was no testimony or allegations that the defendant sexually assaulted the girl, hence the charge is sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPEN DATE: October 1, 2012 **POSITION:** Front Desk Clerk
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Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Proficiency in Japanese/Chinese Language (Able to speak, read, write in Japanese or Chinese). Minimum two (2) years in hotel front desk or concierge services strongly preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and ready smile.

OPEN DATE: October 1, 2012 **POSITION:** Lifeguard
CLOSE DATE: October 8, 2012 **SALARY:** Minimum Wage

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Obtaining a lifeguard certification may be required for continued employment. Must have friendly and outgoing personality.

OPEN DATE: October 1, 2012 **POSITION:** Masseuse
CLOSE DATE: October 8, 2012 **SALARY:** Minimum Wage

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two (2) years experience or training in performing type of massage / therapy services. Must have a friendly and outgoing personality, excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude.

OPEN DATE: October 1, 2012 **POSITION:** Cook (Chinese/Western)
CLOSE DATE: October 8, 2012 **SALARY:** Minimum Wage/Negotiable

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two (2) year experience in culinary experience. Applicants with formal training / education in culinary arts strongly preferred. Position may require employee to receive food handler related health examinations and clearances as condition to their continued employment.

OPEN DATE: October 1, 2012 **POSITION:** IT Technical Support(Graphic Artist)
CLOSE DATE: October 8, 2012 **SALARY:** Minimum Wage/ Negotiable

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two (2) years experience in computer networking maintenance. Formal education / training in IT or Design related subjects highly preferred.

OPEN DATE: October 1, 2012 **POSITION:** Maintenance Repairer / Electrician
CLOSE DATE: October 8, 2012 **SALARY:** Minimum Wage/Negotiable

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Formal electrician education or training highly preferred. Formal Training in Mechanical repair / engineering highly preferred.

For more information, please contact Human Resources Office at (670) 234-5900 ext. 576/266.

Employment application forms are available at the Saipan World Resort, Security Office, located next to the Wave Jungle Water Park. Applicants must submit the completed form and all the necessary requirements to the Security Office. Incomplete application will not be received by the Security Office.



ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pacific Islands Club Saipan wishes to announce that the Magellan Restaurant be closed for renovation on October 8 to October 15, 2012. We sincerely appreciate your patience and apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause to our valued guests. For more information, please call tel. 237-5104 or 237-5172.

2 indicted for alleged marriage fraud

A federal grand jury has indicted two persons for allegedly getting married so that the non-resident woman could avail of immigration benefits.

The indictment charged Abdon Romolor Teregeyo and Zhongwei Yang with one count of conspiracy to defraud

the United States.

In addition, Teregeyo was charged with one count of false statement on an immigration document and one count of false statement to a government agent.

Yang was also charged with one count of false statement

on an immigration document and three counts of false statement to a government agent.

According to the indictment, Teregeyo and Yang conspired to get married and persuade USCIS officials that they were living together in a legitimate marriage, when in

fact they were not and did not.

Teregeyo and Yang were married on Aug. 21, 2007.

On Dec. 17, 2009, Yang applied for permanent residence status, in which she stated that she lived at Ahu, Koblerville from May 2005 until that day, when in truth she had lived in

Garapan since 2007.

That same day, Dec. 17, 2009, Teregeyo petitioned Yang as an alien relative, saying that he and his wife had "lived together" at Ahu, Koblerville from August 2007 until that day. Teregeyo knew that this statement was false

since he and his wife had not lived together since 2007, according to the indictment.

Both Teregeyo and Yang allegedly made the same false claims in interviews with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service. In the same interview, Yang allegedly lied that she had consummated her marriage and that she was "still together with her husband." (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Saipan senatorial bets' debate

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will host its Saipan senatorial candidate debates this Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, Saipan.

A debate forum will be held for the candidates for the U.S. delegate seat on Oct. 17, 2012, at the same venue site between incumbent Gregorio Sablan and Dr. Ignacia Demapan.

This year's Saipan senatorial candidates are Illuminda Bermudes, Ray Yumul, Luis Crisostomo, and Ana Teregeyo.

The debate forum will commence at 7pm. The auditorium doors will be closed at 6:30pm, and will not be opened during the debate forum. All attending are asked to be sure to be seated before 6:30pm. There will be an intermission break where the audience will be allowed in and out of the auditorium.

This year's debate will have each candidate responding to randomly selected ques-

tions prepared by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's Government Relations Committee, and finalized by the SCC Treasurer. These questions are held until the night of the debate, where no one will know the final questions to be posed to each candidate except one person.

Each candidate will be asked to answer two questions as the first responder. The other candidates will answer the same question, but be provided less time to do so. Each candidate will be given 5 minutes to issue a closing statement.

No campaign materials will be allowed to be posted within the Multi-Purpose Center. Audience rules are printed on the back of each \$10 debate ticket, and forum rules will be provided at the outset of the debate.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets go toward covering the costs of the debates, with any remaining money going toward the SCC college scholarship program. (*SCC*)

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Most homeowners' insurance policies cover damage to the structure and contents of your home resulting from a disaster your policy covers. A standard homeowners' policy would

also cover liability to third parties. It is crucial to know what type of perils or causes of loss are covered. In the CNMI, most homeowners' policies cover damage resulting from typhoon, earthquake, tidal wave or high water, fire, vandalism, strike, riot, and extended coverage.

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For more information on homeowners' insurance, call Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. at 234-6267/7722/7310 or visit their office located at Joeten Center in Susupe. You may also visit www.pacificains.com or send an inquiry via email to piui@pacificains.com. Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. is a general agent for Century Insurance and Tokio Marine Pacific Insurance Limited. (*Pacifica Insurance*)

NMI Scholarship relocates business office

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The CNMI Scholarship Office will soon be holding offices at a new site—another government building on Capital Hill.

CNMI Scholarship administrator Jackie Che confirmed that they expect to complete their move to the new building by

next week.

Che said the new office is the Office of Homeland Security's old building at No. 1326, also on Capital Hill.

The Homeland Security Office will take over the old Scholarship Office building at No. 1311 and the adjacent building, which used to be occupied by the Marianas Public

Land Trust. MPLT has moved to another government unit on Capital Hill.

According to Che, the relocation will not cost the Scholarship Office any because no renovations will be done.

"We will not be closed during our move. Phone and fax numbers will remain the same. In the case phone/fax lines

are disrupted, we advise the public to email us. Emails are answered within 1-3 business days," added Che, adding that the new address of the CNMI Scholarship Office is 1326 Guguan Drive.

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USCG cutter returns from Pacific deployment

APRA HARBOR, Guam—The crew of the Coast Guard cutter *Washington*, a 110-foot patrol boat, returned from a patrol to the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau, Sept. 16, 2012.

During their 12-day deployment, the *Washington* crew conducted community engagements and law enforcement patrols within the Exclusive Economic Zones of the United States, Federated States of Micronesia and Palau in an effort to strengthen regional partnerships throughout the Pacific.

One visit included a stop in Falalop, in the Ulithi Atoll to deliver humanitarian supplies including four outboard motors, water containers, rice, books and clothing.

The crew visited Koror and hosted the U.S. ambassador to Palau, the Honorable Helen Reed-Rowe. The ambassador thanked the crew for a fisheries seizure made in May 2012 as part of a joint U.S.-Palau operation to crackdown on illegal fishing throughout the region.

"This mission was a complete success and we hope to make these types of deployments more frequently as we build stronger partnerships



U.S. COAST GUARD/ENSIGN CHRIS JONES

Lt. Nate MacKenzie, left, and Seaman Ryan Dixon, right, meet with inhabitants of Mogmog Island to conduct boating safety training Sept. 7, 2012 in the Ulithi Atoll in the Federated States of Micronesia. MacKenzie and Dixon are both crewmembers of the Coast Guard cutter *Washington*, a 110-foot Island Class patrol boat stationed in Apra Harbor, Guam. The crew recently completed a 12-day deployment in an effort to strengthen regional partnerships throughout the Pacific.

throughout the region," said Lt. Nate MacKenzie, commanding officer of the *Washington*. "It's important to remember that fish stocks are a shared concern. The only way to effectively protect our mutual interests in this region is to work together."

Throughout the deployment the crew conducted coxswain, ship log, weapons qualifica-

tions and navigation training.

Despite the success of the deployment, the crew of the 23-year-old ship encountered foul weather and mechanical issues. The crew had to replace the control unit on the open bridge during the patrol. At one point during the deployment the crew had to seek shelter behind several small islands to avoid a monsoon in the area.

The cutter *Washington* is one of many Coast Guard ships soon to be replaced by the new 154-foot Fast Response Cutters. The new ship will give the Coast Guard the dual advantage of state of the art technology and increased sea keeping ability, both of which are much needed in the unique environment of the Western Pacific. (USCG)

Three missing Kiribati mariners located

HONOLULU—A Coast Guard HC-130 Hercules aircraft crew from Air Station Barbers Point located the three missing mariners approximately 110 miles southwest of Tarawa, the Republic of Kiribati, at 3:30pm, Thursday.

The aircrew located the 16-foot, white and blue skiff on radar within a search area approximately 2,531 miles from Honolulu.

The Hercules crew dropped a canister filled with food, water,

a radio, and an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon.

A Good Samaritan vessel was vectored in to the skiff's position to assist with the rescue. The South Korean fishing vessel *Universe Kim* proceeded to the survivor's location and brought all three mariners and their skiff aboard.

The mariners were reported to be in good condition and with no medical concerns.

The crew of the *Universe Kim* is scheduled to rendezvous with a

Republic of Kiribati Pacific Patrol Boat RKS *Teanoai* and transfer the three mariners, who will then be taken back to Tarawa.

Watchstanders in Coast Guard Joint Rescue Coordination Center Honolulu were notified of the situation on Monday at 6pm.

The Hercules aircrew was launched to assist in the search efforts.

The Search and Rescue Optimal Planning System, a software program that calculates environmental factors such as weather, wind speed and direction, current speed and direction

and the size of the search object, was used during the rescue.

"The Coast Guard's use of SAROPS greatly increases our effectiveness," said Cmdr. Mark Morin, Chief of 14th Coast Guard District Response Management. "It allows us to more precisely focus our search efforts on the most likely of locations based on several pieces of data. A leeway, or drift, test was recently conducted in the area and used to develop drift models for similar vessels to assist us in searches such as these." (USCG)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

October 8, 1999

Teno keeps hands off Saipan power project

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio won't step in to hasten resolution of the dispute surrounding the long-stalled Saipan power project as he expressed confidence yesterday that the board of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would come up with a decision by next week. But he said any alteration to the initial plan to build an 80-megawatt plant should consider the power demand and actual consumption on the island to ensure that there will be no outages in the future. "I'm sure the board members will come with suggestion and... I hope that whatever decisions they make will make sure that we won't be facing power shortage or breakdown of all the (existing) power plants," Tenorio told reporters.

Gov't defends stance against federal takeover

During recent hearings in Washington D.C. the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources held on September 14, 1999, Chairman Frank Murkowski requested that Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio respond to questions presented by the Committee and propose suggested changes to Senate Bill 1052 that would favor the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Early last week, Gov. Tenorio forwarded his responses to the Committee reemphasizing his position during the hearings that local government and business leaders have serious concerns about the damaging impact the bill would have to the CNMI's economy.

October 8, 2001

Teno holds off decision on lobby firm's contract

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has temporarily suspended making any decision on the expired Greenberg Traurig contract, in deference to the oversight hearing that the Senate plans to conduct on the lobby group's contract. Press secretary Frank Rosario said that Tenorio has temporarily put on hold any decision on the lobby group's contract-whether to renew it or not-until such time that the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs comes out with the result of its investigation of the matter. "The governor will have to wait for their recommendations and the results of the hearing. This means that any decision on the lobby group's contract will have to wait, at least until the oversight hearing is over," said Rosario.

MVA's request for \$1M in emergency funds backed

The Commonwealth Ports Authority has expressed support to the Marianas Visitors Authority's request for an emergency measure funding of \$1 million. The additional funding has been eyed to help the MVA effectively promote the Northern Marianas as a safe tourist destination, in light of the worsening travel scare caused by the September 11 terror attacks. Citing the possible damages that may virtually cripple the CNMI's revenue base, which may eventually affect the delivery of public services, the CPA Board urged the 12th CNMI Legislature to appropriate the needed financial assistance to the MVA's marketing and promotional activities.

October 8, 2002

DLNR adopts emergency quarantine regs

With the rapid spread of the West Nile virus in the U.S. mainland, the Department of Lands and Natural Resources yesterday said it adopted an emergency regulation on quarantine that imposes an embargo on birds and poultry coming from the mainland. Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Tom Pangelinan said he has ordered all quarantine inspectors to enforce the regulation starting last week. "The West Nile virus, if introduced into the CNMI, can cause havoc and destruction to native birds (including some listed as endangered species), poultry, pets and certain livestock animals, and will severely and adversely affect and harm the CNMI's public health, economy and environment," Pangelinan said.

OPA begins review of NMC redesign plan

The Office of the Public Auditor began its review of the Northern Marianas College' redesign plan yesterday, following the Legislature's adoption of a resolution calling for an in-depth probe of the issue. In Joint Resolution 13-9, which was adopted Thursday, both the Senate and the House of Representatives called on the OPA to conduct the investigation. Newly appointed NMC Finance and Administrative Services Director David Atalig said OPA began the probe yesterday at the Human Resources Office.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Thirteen Tinian Municipal Council hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Session 13-10 on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tinian Court House.

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Testimony of the Mayor
- 4) Testimony of the Appointee
- 5) Public Testimony
- 6) Finding and Recommendation by the EAGI Chairman
- 7) Miscellaneous
- 8) Adjournment

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Petitioner,]	
Versus]	
ANNABEL M. BAU-PINEDA,]	SUMMONS
Respondent.]	

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

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YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE IN WRITING and filed with the Clerk of Court, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950 and served upon petitioner's counsel, Atty. Joe Hill, P.O. Box 500917, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Divorce.

By order of the above Court:

Dated this 28th day of September, 2011.

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court
Superior Court

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COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION,]	CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-0196
Plaintiff,]	
-v-]	
LESLIE GOTTFELD,]	SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
Defendant.]	

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to Complaint, a copy which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of our answer to THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATED, this 27th day of September, 2012 by order of the Court:

/s/ Clerk of Court

SHRM training program graduates food service, wait staff job seekers

A new group of job seekers completed the Society for Human Resource Management's Workforce Readiness Initiative on Sept. 28 in preparation for entering the CNMI job market. These graduates comprise the seventh group of trainees completing the Initiative's program, receiving a week of job preparation and food service/wait staff skills to provide them assistance in finding employment in the CNMI's hotel and restaurant industry. This group of job seekers, referred by the CNMI Department of Labor and the Workforce Investment Act Office, received direct food service and wait staff training, in addition to job search skill training during the week of Sept. 24 to 28. The course also included the food handler class from the Division of Environmental Health and the attainment of their food handler's certification.

"There are advertisements in the newspapers almost every day for waiters, waitresses, and food service workers. We also work with the hotels to help them fill their continuing needs for new and replacement staff. The SHRM Initiative program has been very successful in helping our students get a start in those job focuses. It prepares them for the job search and provided them with employable



The seventh group of the SHRM Workforce Readiness Initiative.

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work skills training," said Frank Gibson, Initiative program manager for SHRM. "This was a good group of applicants. They were interested and enthusiastic, showed up on time, and participated well. They received good solid training from knowledgeable and experienced instructors from the business community. They will all do well in hospitality and food service jobs."

The seventh Initiative program participants were Antonette Guerrero, Thelma Kaipat, Joshua Mafnas, Roman Maratita, Joanna Muna, Kristen Salas, April Tumada, and Elma Yobech.

The wait staff program included job preparation classes

on job applications and résumés, job interviews, equal employment opportunity and sexual harassment, job search responsibilities and employer expectations. Skills training classes were provided on customer service, two classes of basic restaurant services that included both food and beverage services, general culinary, and the food handler's certification class.

Gibson said the students especially benefitted from the professional skills and the interest of the instructors. "I would like to thank the SHRM members, Mr. Jim Arenovsky from Delta Management, Ms. Malou Ernest from Tan Holdings

and Ms. Josephine Mesta, Ms. Denise Montenegro, and Ms. Shawn Sweeney from the Hyatt Regency Saipan, who worked with the participants to prepare them for employment. Special thanks are owed to Mr. Melil Ngirausui from the Bureau of Environmental Health for the food handler certification training. I appreciate the business community's, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s and SHRM's continued assistance."

The Workforce Readiness Initiative is funded by a grant awarded to the CNMI SHRM by the U.S. Department of the Interior through the CNMI Department of Commerce in sup-

port of the CNMI Economic and Labor Enhancement Program. This Initiative started on April 16 with a one-week Warehouseman training program, just recently completed this seventh program for Food Service and Wait Staff trainees, and will hold an addition five training programs this year.

The Workforce Readiness Initiative is for the benefit of unemployed U.S. qualified workers. Qualified individuals who are registered with WIA or the DOL Employment Services should contact those offices and let them know of their interest. Those who are not registered and are interested in joining

one of the Initiative programs should immediately register with WIA and express their interest. All interested candidates should sign up with WIA to allow them to help employers with funding of Initiative graduates. Interested individuals can also contact Gibson by e-mail at hrrsupportcnmi@gmail.com.

Although the Initiative does not guarantee a job for every participant, it will make every effort to get each graduate employed. Several companies have already committed to accepting Initiative graduates and the Initiative will continue to source jobs through its SHRM-member companies and other employers. Companies interested in considering Initiative graduates can also contact Gibson at hrrsupportcnmi@gmail.com.

This program is supported by federal funds in the amount of \$102,000 under the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs, CNMI Economic and Labor Enhancement Program through a sub-grant award to the CNMI Chapter of the Society of Human Resources from the CNMI Department of Commerce. The CNMI SHRM Initiative is managed by HR Support, CNMI, a CNMI-licensed Human Resource Management consulting and training company. (**SHRM**)



CCA hosts successful 2nd Hospice Care Forum

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Participants in the Commonwealth Cancer Association's 2nd Hospice Care Forum have their photo take at the Commonwealth Health Center conference room on Sept. 21, 2012,

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's 2nd Hospice Care Forum was held on Sept. 21 at the Commonwealth Health Center conference room.

The well-attended forum included a number of local and off-island guests. Presenters included Sen. Tony Ada of the 31st Guam Legislature and Guam Hospice board member, Health Services of the Pacific president Ruth Gurusamy, and Joeten Charitable Foundation president Frances T. Demapan.

Hospice care forums were developed as a goal of the CCA in response to Public Law 17-35, the Medical Consent Act of 2010, to facilitate interest in the

community by inviting social and human service providers and policy makers to learn more about the Hospice Care Service program.

This second forum, a follow-up to the first held on July 27, 2012, focused on three main issues: 1. To respond to the mandates of Public Law 17-35; 2. To provide opportunities for agencies to learn more about hospice care; and 3. To involve policymakers and professionals from off-island who have experience and expertise with hospice care programs.

CCA board president David B. Rosario stated that, "the passage of PL 17-35 paved the way

to assist patients with a terminal illness and give support to their immediate families, training of medical professionals in hospice care and palliative care. Caring for patients with a terminal illness in our only hospital can be financially challenging for the family. Uncertainty about the progression of the terminal patient's status also puts tremendous stresses on the persons caring for the terminal patient."

CCA is currently developing plans for the third forum, which the second forum outcome recommended to include CNMI traditional healers and spiritual leaders, to assist them in their learning about and potential

roles in hospice care.

Rosario and vice president Lauri Ogumoro and members of the board expressed their appreciation for the excellent turnout, the interest from the community, and the support received from on-island and off-island public and private organizations.

The CCA thanks the following public/private organizations and individuals for their participations. Sen. Tony Ada and Ruth Gurusamy from Guam; Bud White, past president CCA; Frances T. Demapan and Soleana T. Demapan, president, Joeten Charitable Foundation; Reps. Joseph Palacios and George Camacho; Fr. Raul

Salgado, Dioceses of Chalan Kanoa, Rev. Ray Kinsella, Grace Christian Academy; Emmanuel P. Borja, MMAC; Jack S. Torres, chair, CHC board, John Tagabuel, Bureau of Environmental Health officer; Roxanne Diaz, director Division of Public Health Services; Leticia Reyes, CHC nursing director, Rodylyn Bacani, in-patient pharmacist; Tina Snodgrass & Frances Accad, social workers; Joanne Ogo, NCD; Norma Dlg Borja, CHC Vital Statistics acting director; Juan Pua, assistant Fire chief; George Cruz, Susan Satur, Pasquana Calvo, and Maureen Sebangiol of Marianas Health Services;

Lillian Camacho, BENCAM president; Gia Ramos, Elaine Q. Terlaje, Jodee Gopeng, and Gloria Salazar of Marianas Visiting Nurses; Fern Camacho, PHI Pharmacy; Tina Boyer, BRABU Pharmacy, Dr. Ben Aldan, Saipan Health Clinic; Dr. Larry B. Hocog, FHP Health Center; Jay Stewart, Medical Associates of the Pacific; Derek Hocog, Francis Taimanao, St Michael's; Roy Ada, Branson Santos, August Healthcare; Albert Gurusamy, HSP.

You can contact the CCA at 682-0050 or by email at ccamarianas@gmail.com for more information about the CCA and its programs. (**PR**)

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Romney found his stroke

Maybe President Obama forgot his debate with Mitt Romney was on TV. How else to explain his lack of dynamism before a worldwide television audience in the millions.

Were it an actual debate, where participants are scored on the substance of what they say, the president might have fared better in post-debate polls. But the public reaction after Wednesday night's tilt indicated viewers were more turned on by Romney's energy than Obama's ennui.

Again and again, Obama matter-of-factly pointed out gaping gaps in Romney's program for America. Again and again, Romney, with a smile on his face and certainty in his voice, refused to fill in the gaps. It was a winning performance by a candidate whose recent gaffes may have made it easy to exceed expectations.

Obama helped by not reminding viewers of Romney's belittling remarks about the 47 percent of Americans too poor to pay federal income taxes, or bringing up Romney's stint as head of a venture capital firm that closed workplaces and later sent jobs overseas. Were the omissions a mistake, or strategy? Romney likely had prepared a retort in anticipation of such attacks.

Romney got off to a strong start Wednesday night by breaking down his economic plan into five parts: "One, get us energy-independent. ... Number two, open up more trade ... Number three, make sure our people have the skills they need to succeed ... Number four, get to us a balanced budget ... Number five, champion small business." He was clear and concise. He even gave viewers a catchy phrase to remember—"trickle-down government"—to describe Obama's policies.

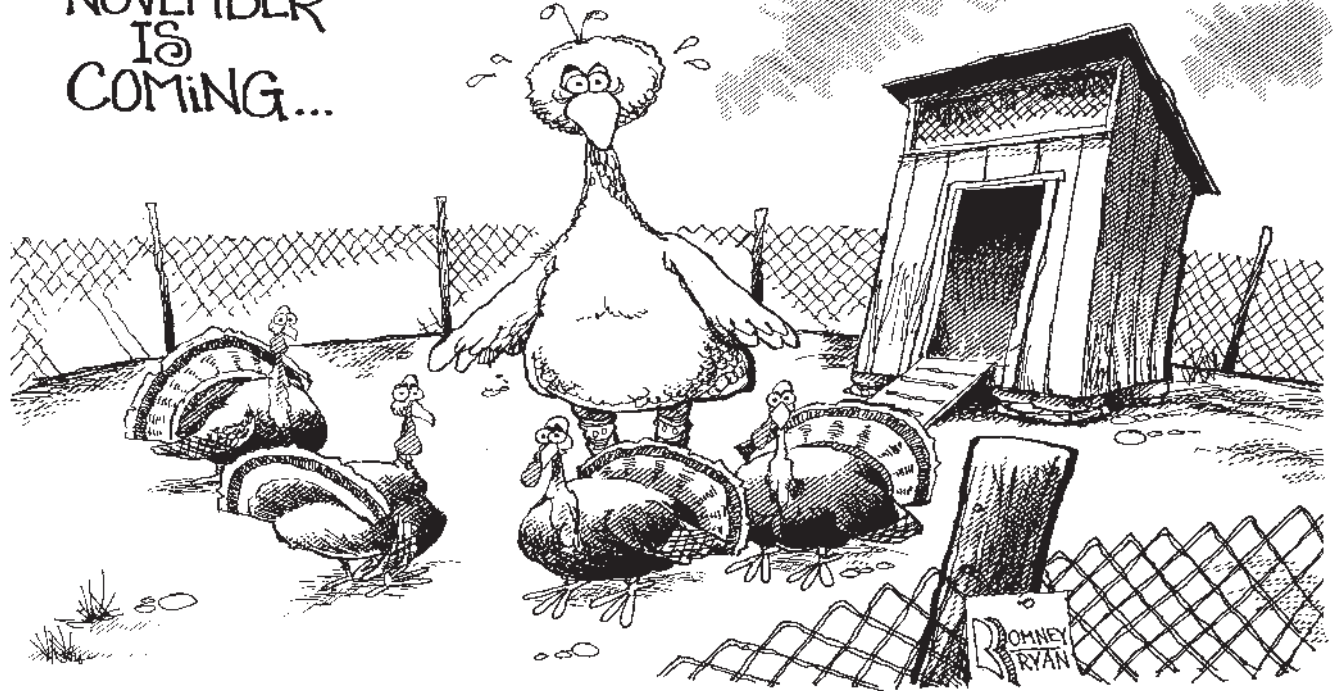
What Romney didn't do, despite the president's pressing for an answer, is explain how he's going to cut taxes—by \$5 trillion, Obama said—extend the Bush tax cuts, another trillion, and increase military spending by \$2 trillion without blowing the deficit even farther out of the water. Romney wouldn't say. He insisted his economic plan does not call for a tax cut that high, but various fact checkers later concluded it did.

In the past, Romney has said he will attack the deficit by closing tax loopholes and getting rid of expensive deductions, but he still hasn't said which ones. Until he does, he leaves the door open, as he did Wednesday night, for Obama to suggest Romney will target those tax deductions most important to middle-class families—for mortgage interest and state and local taxes, for example.

A seemingly listless Obama never effectively drilled home that point, however. He mentioned it. He corrected Romney when he described a reduction in the growth of Medicare spending as a \$716 billion "cut" to that program. He explained that the voucher program that Romney proposes for adults not yet eligible for Medicare would ultimately gut the program by reducing the number of participants. He even called Romney out for wanting to repeal the Dodd-Frank law enacted to end the Wall Street abuses that pushed the nation into recession.

But polling after the debate suggested most viewers didn't pay attention to much of what Obama said, which means he has a lot to work on before the next set.

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NOVEMBER
IS
COMING...

AND ALL THE TURKEYS ARE ON EDGE.

It's time to wake up and become prosperous

It's time to wake up and start building our economy ourselves and to stop depending on the government. If we wait and depend on it, we will become increasingly poor and more disappointed. Remember, the government's role is to collect money and spend it. It does not generate money. We private citizens do! So we must help ourselves.

So for the next few paragraphs I am going to be a mister-know-it-all and suggest some ideas about what we can do to regain our economy. If you don't like my suggestions then offer some of your own, but please stop the whining. Remember when we point our finger at someone else to blame for our misfortune, at least three fingers point back at us. It is our responsibility to build the economy!

The best way to becoming prosperous again is to begin farming our land on the three islands and, later, in the Northern Islands. There, I said it, and I will keep saying it: Farm the land. It has great wealth in it and will put many of us to work. Let us become the food basket for Guam.

Consider, now that the pension fund is bankrupt and that many retirees are still young. What are all these people going to do? Think back when we were young and our parents were farmers. Do we recall how we helped? The opportunity is still here. Do it! Farm the land!

We can also become makers of many value-added products using our homegrown products. Just like any manufacturer, we can begin to make food products, some of which I will list below. We can make many food items here just like it is done in other countries. We don't have to assemble computers or other items. We are not geared for that kind of activity. Besides it produces only a salary, not real entrepreneurship. We have the natural land to grow foodstuffs that we can make into value-added products.

Here are some items some of us more enterprising individuals can make. We can begin by creating value-added products to the things we grow. For example, Rota grows a huge amount of sweet potatoes. We can sell the sweet potatoes as they are, but we can also make sweet potato French fries and sell them frozen. We can also make sweet potato pancake flour. How about frozen sweet potato casseroles? We can also make great sweet potato chips.

We grow mountains of coconuts. Consider the many things that can be made from them. Just to mention a few: hair cream, bath soap, coconut vinegar, coconut shampoo, conditioner, lotion, moisturizer, coconut sugar, and pure coconut jam. The list is almost endless. For example, by checking on the Internet I discovered that the Philippines has over 711 different uses for coconut. These include products made from the husk of the coconut. The list is limited only by our imagination.

Who doesn't like papaya? Make papaya chips or dried papaya chunks. Have you ever tasted wine made with fruit, not grapes? We can make mango wine, banana wine, pineapple wine and many others from the fruits grown right here in the CNMI. We can make liquors as well as wine. Talk to Dr. Kim at CRESS and he will assist anyone interested in making fruit wines. For example, I tasted sour-sap wine that he had made. Very delicious and different. I learned that Canada has a booming fruit wine industry with over 166 fruit

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is a former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.



wineries. Much of this they export.

We used to make cultural artifacts, but try to find one anywhere. What happened? Why are these no longer made? I have several lovely bead necklaces made by our people. Some that I have seen are very beautiful and sell for high prices. Have you seen the articles made from old magazines? Someone told me that they are made by prisoners in our local prison. Wow, these items are so unique and attractive.

With the wonderful tool of the Internet we can have a worldwide market. There are thousands of people working right out of their home selling products worldwide. Yes, we can do it also but we must be determined.

I could go on and on listing the local cultural possibilities that can be made from our local products. I almost forgot to mention our local hot pepper. You continue the list. Why do we have to stand in line for food stamps when opportunities surround us daily?

None of the value-added products require huge capital. Anyone of the value-added products can be started in our own kitchen. As we sell we reinvest the money and get bigger. We can start by ourselves or with a friend.

We can design eye-catching packages for the products and sell them locally initially. If you want help on how to proceed, contact me and I will help you to export them to Guam also. As you know we now have a steady means of transportation to Guam.

Don't let lack of money stop any of us. Good ideas always attract money. For example, the CDA is willing to listen to your idea and help you fund it. Most banks will also help. Then there is the SBA, which loans money to small businesses. Just like building a house we will need a plan with details. Yes, I know all of the above ideas and others may be risky. But if we take a calculated risk, the chances for success are greater. Yes, we have acres of diamonds right under our feet.

I am going to be frank and plainly state the following: If we are too lazy or too indifferent to help ourselves, than we deserve to be where we are. No country is made prosperous by its government. It is made prosperous by the sweat and hard work of its citizens. That means you and me.

Let's stop lamenting the collapse of the Retirement Fund and the problems at the hospital and all the other problems facing us. Stand up and begin seeing all the opportunities around us. Start with the cultivation of our God-given fertile soil and bountiful ocean of fish. From there we begin our building. Some of my associates and I have already rolled up our sleeves and started working. Join us.

Cristoforo Colombo

He is the Columbus of our familiar. Colombo of Genoa was an explorer in the service of the Spanish monarch, wanting to find a way to the spices, silk, and opiates of Asia by navigating westward across the “Ocean Sea” (the Atlantic). He landed in the Bahamas.

Convinced that he discovered India, Columbus called the natives *Indios*. He sailed for Spain, but it was his three-year junior, Florentine explorer Amerigo Vespucci (*Americus* in Latin), who concluded after sailing south to Brazil that the continent is altogether new, and was not a part of Asia. A German mapmaker in 1507 labeled the continent America, the feminine version of Americus, since Europa and Asia were both named after females.

Columbus sighted land on Oct. 12, 1492, and the United States commemorates his discovery of what became Europe’s *Novo Mundo* on the second Monday of October. It was, however, Amerigo Vespucci’s name that got stuck in the map.

Columbus Day has been unofficially observed since the 18th century, with the spirit of *Dia de la Raza* (i.e., Spanish Race) in Spain and most of Latin America expanded into a day of cultural diversity in Argentina, Day of the Americas in Uruguay, and Discovery Day in the Bahamas. In the States, it is observed by all states save three. Hawaii remembers the Polynesian discovery of the islands, and some U.S. western states pause for the Native Americans who suffered from the colonization of North America after Columbus’ voyages.

We cannot judge Columbus from the eyes of 2012. His was a period of European colonization when Pax Mongolica’s eased traffic overland in Eurasia. The Ottoman Empire rose after the Khanates receded, and new barriers inspired alternative trade routes to the South Sea of Asia.

Riku Na Kutturán Tanu’

Sumen na ma’agem i guinahan este siha na tanu’ gi gineftau korason natibu, Chamorro yan Karolinas. Ni kuantu guinahaña ‘sino chinatsagaña i prohimu, geftau man-ayuda gi ayu siha na tautau-ta man-finagcha’e chinatsaga. Tatnai hulie’ ma-upus i namase’ gi chalan. Todu tiempu man-geftau gi digog na nesessidat i namase’.

Este na finana’guen mañainata chettun gi korason natibu maseha manu na isla guine. Estague’ i titulaikayon na tradisionia ni esta pagu motmut gi korason-ta. Megaiña besis na masakrifisia nesessidat niha pot guaha mas numesessita ayudu. Magahet na ti ayu ha’ riku i fiñkas. Sumen na banidosu i sensian gineftau yan yine’ase’ gi oran ira yan dinimalas.

Hu lie’ gineftau natibu ‘nai oppan pot un’ litiku na patgon gi ICU ni numesessita ayudu. Megai nina’e yan motmut lokue’ tinayuyot para ayu na añghet. Este na kutturán tanu’ sumen na’banidosu. Si Yuus Ma’ase!

Chichi’ ha’ilas

Los uttimu ha hogse hit i sumen chafleg na kondision ekonomia na maseha haye un’ soda’ gi maseha manu, chumichichi’ kulan mohon sinaulag fotten dinalag ‘sino taduñg chigu’.

I ta padedese pa’gu lamayot patte ginen diskuidun ginen halom. Mampos mañgontentu i mansabiun I Deni gi seriousu na asuntun linahyan siha. Lau repara sa’ ni unu ñaba’ rumesibe pagamientuña ni ginen inapasita kontribusion tax.

Man-namase’

Hu e’ekuñgog i kandidatu siha gi programan Marianas Agupa guine gi alacha. Un’ palabra oppan ni todum umusa: “Atan”. Era para uma-atan i problema siha lau hagas mali’e haf’ i primera chinatsaga. Ileghu na kumu hu sablasus la te’ug siha na asuntu lamegai dumiñgu i

European powers left a deep legacy of adversarial dialectic in its rule and philosophy. Winning over someone became the rule of the game. It is in the act of winning, in trade and commerce, that Pax America is extended. In the U.S. Presidential Debate, discourse is not about enlightening the electorate as it is on conducting a verbal slugfest of one-upmanship, albeit in a feigned gentlemanly fashion!

Media’s judgment is that Romney’s style was more presidential, and Obama, professorial, his *mojo* lost in the altitude by Al Gore’s account. Obama’s style shies away from confrontation. Romney, on the other hand, showed the pugilist finesse that got him the Massachusetts Governor’s Mansion, never mind that he was fast and loose on his facts and figures. He was judged to have bested the incumbent on the first round of a best-of-three circus.

In the ’70s, we appropriated the metaphor of the wedgeblade, taking on Star Trek’s mythology of journeying “where none had gone before.” This was not, however, about blazing a path to the frontier like Tartars devastating life in their path. It was rather like the WWII image of the grunt at the beachhead, laying his being over the barbwire of history that the rest of civilization may flow.

My wife and I adopted the *taiji* with an overlay of the wedgeblade as our symbol. For a decade, we presumed to stand at the edge of history, “building road ways as we journeyed,” standing fragile and insecure in the freedom of stepping out of the no-longer into the not-yet, the vast unknown unknown. The metaphor was staggering, and a psychiatrist on Saipan diagnosed me to be megalomaniac!

We also remember facilitating town meetings during the U.S. Bicentennial. If someone got up after a person expressed an opinion, and began saying, “I do not agree...”, we immediately interjected with, “OK, how do you see it differently.” The focus shifted from disagreement to a narration of another perspective. It diffused un-

programa yan poduñg papan doli.

Ti hu huñgog ni un’ kandidatu gai sustansia fino’ña. Lau tana’e chansa sa’ trabiha tutuhon i finattun niha. Siempre u fattu i ha’ane ‘nai debi bai’ famaisen sustansiau siha na kuestion. Ti u mahñau este na karera. Yangin un’ lañgag plumanta hau gi dinisehan mañetbe publiku, pues malagu’yu umekuñgog estudiau siha na ineppemu pot para bai’ lie’ akuantu chiña kinemprendemu pot lai yan manpresisu siha na asuntun linahyan.

Hinanau Pas

Guaha programa pagu masosoyu’ inatahan aminosun asaguan palao’an ‘sino nanan guma’. Mauleg na programa pot ha sasañgan na ti debi u puti ‘sino un’ ma’añau bumira hau para iya hamyu. Magahet i mensahe sa’ mohon haye lau i nanan guma’ ‘sino nanan famaguon i tineteka.

Ti u mas i tata kabales kinemprendeña nesessidat familia ke nanan guma’. Mas mesñgon i palao’an gi todum kinalamten famaguon ya ayu ‘nai kontentu deskansoña dispues de todus mañgabales gi oran deskansu. Deste neñkanu’, magagu, yan otru siha presisun i tropa guiya gaige giya monana para u tagam ineppen ennaun siha na nesessidat.

Piot ya machochu’chu’, doble makat ha’aniña sa’ fuera de burukan checho’ña, siempre u doblague’ ‘an mattu gi gima’ pot nesessidat famaguoña yan asaguaña. Kanaha’ taya rason para ta aminasa i fitme na haligen guma’ ni fuma’guguma’ i fanliheñg familia. Ha mirese pas para u siña umatende finapos familia diariu. Haf’ na probachu yangin unna’ lamen i nanan famaguonmu?

Grasian familia

Guaha gi lalahihu sen tiha tuñgu lumimittague’ gi gastaña. Listu

By JAIME R. VERGARA

Special to the Saipan Tribune



Former PSS teacher Jaime Vergara now teaches at Hang Gong Hang Tian Da Zue, Shenyang Aerospace University and is currently traveling in north Inner Mongolia in the prefecture of Hulunbeier.

necessary animosity. Seeing an issue differently clarified it, not unlike the story of the blind men and the elephant, where one thought the animal was like a trunk after embracing a leg, and another saying it was like a fan, after feeling the flapping ears!

This stance is more like standing on the pivot point of the *yin-yang*, arriving at a comprehensive picture, and not focusing on what is absent in the present (identifying contradictions as a “lack of” in many planning methodologies), but grasping the reality of the “rock on the road” unbalancing the present. Then, practical proposals can be made to address the impingement. We trained Peace Corps volunteers on the method; led corporate planning with it.

Debating skill as practiced is about besting the other side. Fistfight is not uncommon in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan legislatures. Shouting matches are not unknown in the West. “Creaming the other” is a favored term. A lot of confrontational “zingers” fly, its substance, no mind! We train our Marianas’ young on the skill.

Columbus was stubborn in insisting that he discovered India. So, Amerigo is remembered. Our presidentiables may yet learn the glory of facilitative *Vive le difference!*

Round two comes in two weeks.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune



John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.

mañaluda gi titihoñgña. Un’ biahe ha offresiyu’ sien pesus. Tres años dispues gi dinaña bespiran Noche Buena ‘nai ha yotte halom gi betsaghu i nina’iña. Chumalegyu’ ya hu ñañgon na mampos apattau Saipan hombre tinaka tres años para u komple i inefresiaña. Ilegña, “Na’na’ ‘nau sa’ pagu hu sasake ginen purse i asaguahu”. Magpu’ i nobena.

Kumakahat i amku’ hagas ha tatiye tropan tiau. Gaige lokue’ tropan lalahe gi halom troñkun pagu na makeke yotte dinamita gi inetnon laiguan. Pagu ha kasague’ i amku’, mayotte ni lalahe i dinamita. ‘Nai pagpag, hineñghañg i amku’ ya fuetsau ha dagau ñaihon talayaña. Ni antiosña ti ha soda’ sa’ esta umensinahyau para u keha gi polisia. De dios na che’chu’ pitbetserias.

I hospitat mahatsa para i man-malañgu. Tatnai hu huñgog na guaha hospitat mahatsa para i man-homlu’. Pot essu, pot fabot na guaha inadahe gi famaguon miyu yangin haye para in’ bisita sa’ lugat man-malañgu i hospitat. Tatnai sisida u fan hoka chetnot i patgon pot baban aire ‘sino haf na pesti lumililiku’. Che’gue este para minauleg parehu ha’ pot hinemlu’ famaguon miyu yan pas para i man-malañgu.

5. Meth breath: How do you think all of the above will make your breath smell? We call it halitosis. Your friends will call it, “Stay away, meth breath!” Sound funny? It isn’t. The lack of saliva in meth users means teeth are exposed to the mouth’s harsh acids, causing cavities and a host of other problems that mean bad breath for you. Not to mention that “tweakers” pay more attention to eating sugary foods and drinks than brushing and flossing.

Meth use isn’t a joking matter. Meth destroys not only mouths but lives. Hopefully, learning about these side effects of meth use will help prevent even just a few of our community members from trying it and starting down the road that, in the majority of cases, leads to serious health and psychiatric conditions. If you are a user, please know that you are not alone and that there is help available for you, not only at our clinic, but at places like Saipan’s Community Guidance Center, which offers substance abuse counseling.

October is National Dental Hygiene Month. Beverly Moretti is a registered dental hygienist at the SDA Dental Clinic.

By BEVERLY MORETTI, RDH, BS
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Though we focus on promoting good oral health here at the SDA Dental Clinic, it is impossible to overlook the growing problem of methamphetamine (ice, speed, crystal, glass) use in the CNMI. Just in case the insanely high addiction rate, the 5-percent recovery rate, or 5- to 7-year life expectancy of addicts isn’t enough to keep folks from “just trying” ice, we have put together a list of five ways meth use messes with your mouth:

1. Zombie mouth: Meth use causes your mouth to dry out like a zombie with a mouth full of dirt. Dentists call this problem “xerostomia” but let’s just say it’s dry in there. The combination of a dry mouth and a meth-compromised immune system causes oral wounds, cracked and bleeding mouth corners, inflamed mouth ulcers, and oral yeast infections. Better hold your arms out straight if you are walking around with a mouth like that!






2. Rotten chompers: Your teeth, on meth, will decay from the

inside out, due to the shrinking of blood vessels and the resulting reduced blood supply to the teeth. Think you can just get a filling? Think again. The rot will reoccur under the fillings, and since the vessels won’t recover, get ready to borrow grandma’s dentures, because you’ll be needing them long before your time. Many patients end up with *full mouth* dentures as a result of meth use. **3. You’ll become a big baby:** Before you get those dentures, you’ll be borrowing your baby nephew’s pacifier. Why? You’ll be grinding and clenching your jaw because of blood vessels shrinking in your temporomandibular joint. Patients have been known to chew straight through mouth guards and cracked teeth are the result. Sometimes sucking on an infant’s pacifier is the best way to ease the incessant grinding. **4. The dentist won’t see you now:** But only because you won’t go to the dentist in the first place. Meth users rarely seek dental treatment until years go by and things get really bad in there. By the time you come in to see us for help (and of course the dentist will see you then!), you’ll have all of those nasty diseases you hear about on the Listerine commercials like gingivitis and a bacterial infection that causes bone loss called periodontitis.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
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Micronesia

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Palau	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼79
Chuuk	Showers	▲84 ▼78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86 ▼75
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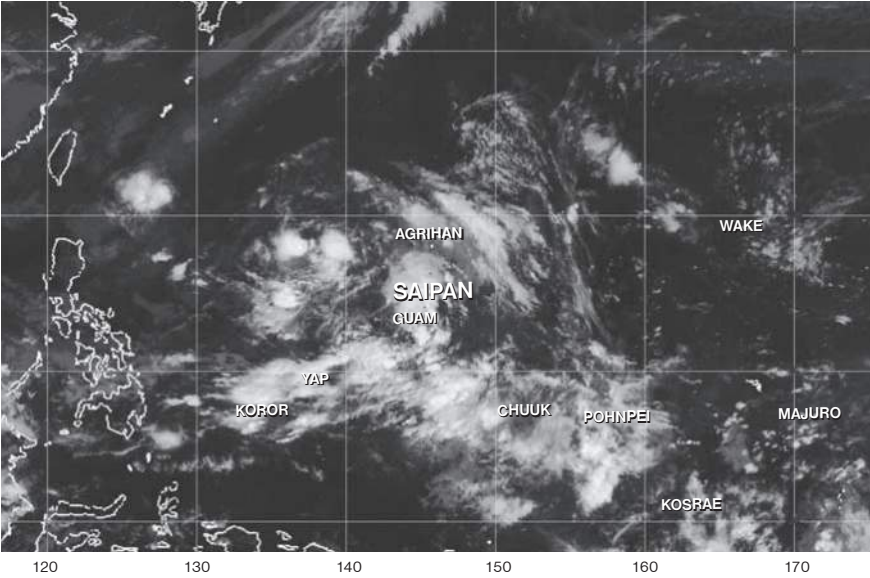
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Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼78
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼74
London	Rain	▲63 ▼54
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲76 ▼60
Manila	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲62 ▼42
Miami	Thundershowers	▲84 ▼76
New York	Rain	▲54 ▼43
Osaka	Sunny	▲79 ▼64
Paris	Showers	▲65 ▼54
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲72 ▼60
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲76 ▼61
Salem	Sunny	▲78 ▼39
San Francisco	Sunny	▲63 ▼54
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲72 ▼53
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲73 ▼62
Washington, DC	Showers	▲55 ▼44

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
12:15 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
8:00 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
3:31 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
9:02 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2012

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough stretches eastward from the Central Philippines through 15N130E to a tropical disturbance centered northwest of Saipan near 17N140E then turns southeastward to end southeast of Guam at 9N151E. Converging west winds south of the trough are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Yap and Koror within 100 miles of a line from 7N130E to 10N140E. Similar weather is located over the Marianas between 20N and 10N from 137E to 148E and over Chuuk between 10N and 5N from 148E to 156E. Scattered showers are occurring east of the Marianas between 20N and 13N from 149E to 154E. A surface trough extends southwestward from 7N175E to 2N163E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring southwest of Majuro within 100 miles of a line from EQ167E to 6N170E. An upper-level low centered near 17N159E is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms west of Wake Island between 20N and 15N from 155E to 160E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:08 AM	6:01 PM
Tuesday	6:08 AM	6:01 PM
Wednesday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM
Thursday	6:08 AM	6:59 PM
Friday	6:08 AM	6:59 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:24 PM
Tuesday	12:05 AM
Wednesday	12:57 AM
Thursday	1:49 AM
Friday	2:42 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
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Business

US unemployment below 8 percent, 1st time since 2009



In this Monday, Sept. 17, 2012, file photo, Robert Orkin of the company TxT-Alert, third from left, talks with job seekers during a job fair held by National Career Fairs in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. unemployment rate dropped below 8 percent for the first time since the month President Barack Obama took office, a surprising lift for both the economy and his re-election hopes in the final weeks of the campaign.

The rate, the most-watched measure of the country's economic health, tumbled to 7.8 percent in September from 8.1 percent in August. It fell because a government survey of households found that 873,000 more people had jobs, the biggest jump since January 2003.

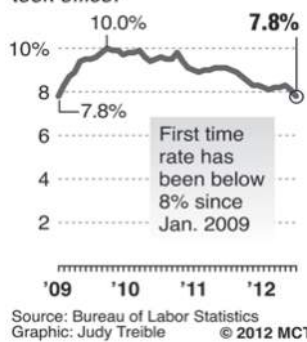
The government's other monthly survey, of employers, showed they added a modest 114,000 jobs in September, but it also showed job growth in July and August was stronger than first thought.

Obama, eager to shift attention from a disappointing performance at the first presidential debate, said Friday that the report showed the country "has come too far to turn back now."

His Republican opponent, Mitt Romney, countered: "This is not

Jobless rate under Obama

Monthly employment rate since January 2009 when President Barack Obama took office:



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Graphic: Judy Treible © 2012 MCT

what a real recovery looks like."

The drop brought the jobless rate back to where it was when Obama was sworn in, in January 2009, and snapped a 43-month streak in which unemployment was 8 percent or higher—a run Romney had been emphasizing.

The October jobs report comes out Nov. 2, four days before the election, so Friday's report provided one of the final snapshots of the economy as undecided voters

make up their minds.

The government calculates the unemployment rate by calling 60,000 households and asking whether the adults have jobs, and whether those who don't are looking for work.

Those who do not have jobs and are looking are counted as unemployed. Those who aren't looking are not considered part of the work force and aren't counted as unemployed.

A separate monthly survey seeks information from 140,000 companies and government agencies that together employ about one in three nonfarm workers in the United States.

That survey found that the economy added 114,000 jobs in September, the fewest since June. Most of the job growth came in service businesses such as health care and restaurants.

The Labor Department raised its job-creation figures by a total of 86,000 jobs for July and August. The July figure was revised from 141,000 to 181,000, and the August figure from 96,000 to 142,000.

The company will begin contacting owners next month and will repair the vehicles for free. Honda will install a cover plate inside the switch to prevent any liquid from coming in, Miller said.

It was the third major recall this week for the Japanese automaker, which usually sits near the top in J.D. Power and Associates' annual rankings of vehicle quality.

Earlier this week, the company said it was recalling 820,000 Civic compact and Pilot SUVs from the 2002 through 2004 model years because the headlights can fail. CR-Vs were recalled earlier this spring for that same issue.

Honda recalls 2002-2006 CR-V

DETROIT (AP)—Honda Motor Co. is recalling CR-V crossovers from the 2002 to 2006 model years because an electrical switch in the driver's side door could melt and cause a fire.

Honda and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced the recall Saturday.

The problem involves around 268,000 vehicles. Honda said rain or other liquids could enter through a driver's open window and damage the master power switch on the door. If that happens, the switch could overheat and melt, causing a fire.

NHTSA said owners should

park CR-Vs from those model years outside until the recall is performed to avoid any property damage from a fire. A fire could start even when the ignition is off and the CR-V is parked.

Honda agreed that concerned owners should park their CR-Vs away from structures that could burn. But spokesman Ed Miller emphasized that a switch is unlikely to catch fire unless someone spilled liquid on it or let a large amount of rain into the vehicle through the driver's side window.

Honda said owners have reported four fires but no injuries or crashes associated with the issue.

Nation

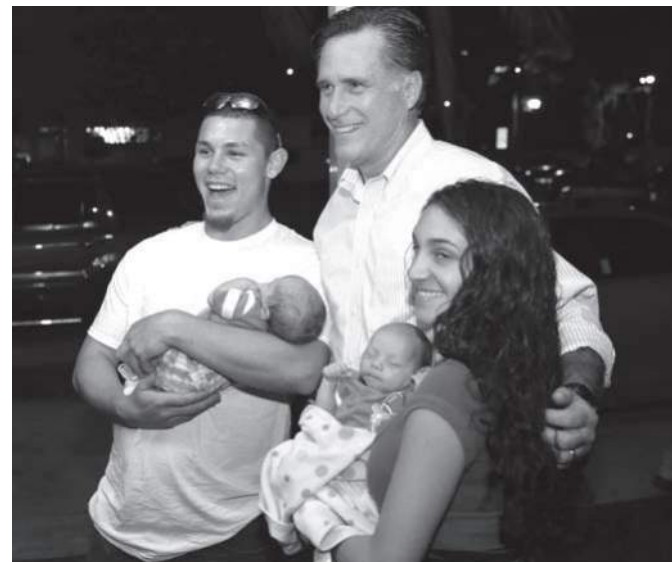
Romney assures US renewal; Obama has big money month

WASHINGTON (AP)—Opening the campaign's last month, Mitt Romney ticked off indicators of economic misery Saturday night to suggest that a drop in unemployment hasn't reversed what ails the nation. President Barack Obama's campaign and Democrats posted an impressive fundraising haul, easing the party's concerns that he would face a significant money disadvantage in the crucial closing days.

Romney rallied in battleground Florida the day after the government reported an unemployment rate of 7.8 percent in September, breaking a 43-month streak of joblessness of 8 percent or higher. The report also risked breaking Romney's stride, gained in a strong debate performance days earlier.

Persistently high unemployment, long after the recession's official end, has been a leading threat to Obama's re-election and the improvement came as a marked relief to the Obama campaign and a tricky development for his Republican rival.

Romney told an evening



Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney poses with newborn twins as he leaves La Teresita, a Cuban restaurant, in Tampa, Fla., Friday, Oct. 5, 2012.

rally in Apopka, Fla., that with poverty, the food-stamp rolls and gas prices up, incomes down, college graduates struggling to find work and millions of people who've lost jobs no longer trying to get new ones, it's clear Obama doesn't know how to fix the economy. "I know how, and I will get the job done."

Bolstered by the Democratic

National Convention, Obama and his party Saturday reported a combined take of \$181 million for September, their best fundraising month of the campaign and just short of their record of \$190 million in the 2008 campaign, also in September. Romney's campaign has not released its report for the month yet.

Some of Sandusky jurors hope for life term

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—Jerry Sandusky should be sent to prison for life when a judge sentences him Tuesday, according to several of the jurors who convicted the former Penn State assistant coach of molesting several boys over a period of years.

None of the jurors interviewed by The Associated Press said they have had second thoughts about their June verdict, and several plan to attend the sentencing.

"There isn't a sentence that I believe is harsh enough for what he has done and how it has affected the university," said Joan Andrews, a juror who has worked for Penn State for 41 years and held football sea-

son tickets since 1969. "I don't think there's been one individual in this entire campus that has not been affected by this."

Four jurors said they plan to be in the courtroom when Sandusky, 68, learns the penalty for sexually abusing boys he met through a charity for at-risk children. Sandusky's own attorney expects his client to be handed a long sentence from Judge John Cleland after conviction on 45 counts.

Although a list of jurors has not been released by Cleland, the AP was able to contact five of them. They said they recently received a letter from the court informing them about the sentencing and offering to have a court official meet them outside

the courthouse.

A court system spokesman said the jurors are guaranteed a seat but won't necessarily be sitting together.

Only one of the five, retired Penn State soil sciences professor Daniel D. Fritton, said he would not attend.

"I'd just like to stay out of the limelight, for one thing," Fritton said. "I figure I could read in the paper what happens."

Gayle Barnes, a homemaker and former school district employee, said she thinks a lot about the victims, particularly the eight who testified against Sandusky and provided what she considers the critical evidence of guilt. She said he deserves life in prison.

Congressman calls evolution lie from 'pit of hell'

ATHENS, Ga. (AP)—Georgia Rep. Paul Broun said in videotaped remarks that evolution, embryology and the Big Bang theory are "lies straight from the pit of hell" meant to convince people that they do not need a savior.

The Republican lawmaker made those comments during a speech Sept. 27 at a sportsman's banquet at Liberty Baptist Church in Hartwell. Broun, a medical doctor, is running for re-election in November unopposed by Democrats.

"God's word is true," Broun said, according to a video posted on the church's website. "I've come to understand that.

All that stuff I was taught about evolution and embryology and Big Bang theory, all that is lies straight from the pit of hell. And it's lies to try to keep me and all the folks who are taught that from understanding that they need a savior."

Broun also said that he believes the Earth is about 9,000 years old and that it was made in six days. Those beliefs are held by fundamentalist Christians who believe the creation accounts in the Bible to be literally true.

Broun spokeswoman Meredith Griffanti told the Athens Banner-Herald that Broun was recorded speaking off-the-record to a church group about his religious beliefs. He sits on the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology.

It seems unlikely that Broun's remarks were supposed to be kept private. The banquet was advertised, Broun spoke before an audience and the video of his remarks was posted on the church's website.



Broun

Asia

NKorean soldier defects to SKorea



South Korean soldiers stand guard at a traffic control gate near the truce village of Panmunjom, in the demilitarized zone that separates the two Koreas, in Paju, north of Seoul, South Korea, Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—A North Korean soldier killed two of his superiors Saturday and defected to South Korea across the countries' heavily armed border in a rare crossing that prompted South Korean troops to immediately beef up their border patrol, officials said.

The soldier shot his platoon and squad leaders before crossing the western side of the Demilitarized Zone at around noon, a Defense Ministry official said, citing the soldier's statement after he was taken into custody by South Korean border guards.

The official, who declined to be named because questioning by authorities was ongoing, had earlier said one of the killed North

Korean troops was a company commander but later corrected it, saying the information was mishandled in the first couple of hours of the development.

He said South Korean guards heard six gunshots before the North Korean soldier crossed the border. He also said the soldier used a loudspeaker to let South Korean guards know his intention to defect after the killings. The official said the motive behind the defection was unclear.

No unusual military movement was detected from the North Korean side of the border after the crossing, but South Korea immediately instructed its border troops to step up their guard, a South Korean Joint Chiefs of Staff official said. He

also declined to be named, citing office rules.

There was no immediate comment from communist North Korea's state-run media.

Defections across the land border are rare, though North Koreans occasionally come to the South by boat. Last year, a North Korean civilian defected to the South across the land border. The last defection across the Demilitarized Zone by a North Korean soldier occurred in 2010, officials said. Another soldier and an officer also defected to the South across the border in two separate crossings in 2008.

The vast majority of North Koreans fleeing their homeland travel through China and Southeast Asia before arriving in the South.

2 US troops, 2 Afghan policemen killed in fighting

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Insurgents on Saturday killed two American troops in eastern Afghanistan, an area that has seen heavy fighting in recent months, the U.S. military said.

No other information about the deaths was disclosed, pending notification of family members.

But a U.S. military official said two U.S. special operations forces were killed by small arms

fire in Wardak province, southwest of Kabul.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to disclose information about the deaths.

So far this year, 296 international troops, including at least 257 Americans, have been killed in Afghanistan.

In the south, an Afghan policeman was killed and another

was wounded when a remote-controlled bomb planted on a motorbike was detonated in Sangin district of Helmand province, according to provincial spokesman Ahmad Zarak.

In neighboring Kandahar province, a roadside bomb killed another Afghan policeman in Kandahar city, said provincial spokesman Ahmad Jawed Faisal.

Communist rebel leader captured in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine troops have captured a senior communist rebel leader who had received military training in Libya and had a \$135,000 bounty for his arrest, a military spokesman said Saturday.

New People's Army regional chief Benjamin Mendoza and three other suspected insurgents were arrested in the early hours of Saturday outside their hideout in suburban Quezon City, said Col. Generoso Bolina.

Mendoza is a member of the central committee of the Communist Party of the Philippines and also heads a regional party group south of Manila, Bolina said.

One of the other suspects, Josephine Mendoza, is an executive

committee member of the regional party group. It was not immediately clear how she is related to the rebel leader, Bolina said.

He said Mendoza underwent commando, heavy weapons, bomb-making and sniper training in Libya in the early 1980s.

Mendoza planned several successful raids and ambushes against soldiers and police, Bolina said. In one raid, guerrillas freed nine detained rebels from a jail in Batangas province south of Manila, he said.

Mendoza, 61, started as a student activist in the 1970s and rose through communist rebel ranks, heading the security unit for the central committee before becoming one of its members.

The 43-year-old communist insurgency is one of Asia's longest-running. The rebels' armed force has been reduced from a peak of about 25,000 fighters in the mid-1980s to about 4,000 due to battle losses, surrenders and internal conflicts.

The International Crisis Group, which monitors conflicts around the world, said more than 40,000 rebels, police, soldiers and civilians, have been killed in the fighting.

Peace talks brokered by Norway have been stalled over disagreements between government and rebel negotiators seeking the release of about a dozen other senior party leaders currently held in detention.

World

Syria govt vows to 'crush' rebels

BEIRUT (AP)—Syria's military will "crush" armed rebels, President Bashar Assad's defense minister warned Saturday, as the regime shelled rebel positions in two cities and near the Lebanese border in a widening offensive.

Neighboring Turkey, meanwhile, set new rules of engagement after three shells from Syria hit Turkish territory Saturday. Turkey retaliated with artillery, as it has for the past four days, and Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said this would now be the standard response.

Davutoglu insisted that "we haven't taken a step toward war," but Turkey's threat to fire back for each errant Syrian shell was bound to keep border tensions high. Turkey is one of Assad's harshest critics and a key supporter of Syria's opposition.

The latest Syria-Turkey crisis erupted earlier this week, after a Syrian shell killed five civilians in a Turkish border town.

The Syrian regime has apologized and tried to defuse tensions by pulling some tanks



In this photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, Syrian President Bashar Assad lays a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier marking the anniversary of the 1973 Arab-Israeli war in Damascus, Syria, Saturday, October, 6, 2012.

back from the border, according to a Turkish Foreign Ministry official who spoke on condition of anonymity in line with government regulations.

Still, the week's daily cross-border exchanges have heightened fears of a regional conflagration.

Syrian mortar rounds are likely to hit Turkey again as regime forces try to retake rebel-controlled areas near the border. Two of the shells that fell in Turkey on Saturday were fired in clashes between government troops and opposition fighters in a Syrian border village.

Israeli jets down drone that entered airspace

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israel scrambled fighter jets to intercept a drone Saturday that crossed deep into Israeli airspace from the Mediterranean Sea, shooting the aircraft down over the country's southern desert, the military said.

The incident marked the first time in at least six years that a hostile aircraft has penetrated Israel's airspace, and Israeli officials said they were taking the incident seriously, raising the possibility of retaliatory action.

It was not immediately clear who launched the drone, but suspicion quickly fell on the Lebanese Islamic militant group Hezbollah. The Iranian-backed group is known to have sent drones into Israeli airspace

on several previous occasions.

Tensions are running high between Iran and Israel over Tehran's nuclear program, which the West believes is cover for the development of atomic weapons. The Islamic Republic denies the allegations, and says its program is for peaceful purposes only. Israel has threatened to carry out a military strike against Iran's nuclear facilities to prevent Iran from acquiring such weapons.

Lt. Col. Avital Leibovich said Israeli ground systems detected the drone, which flew over the Gaza Strip but did not originate there, Saturday morning. They alerted the air force, which scrambled the jets to intercept the air-

craft. She said Israel was still trying to determine where the drone took off from. Nobody was hurt in the incident.

Leibovich said Israeli jets escorted the drone before deciding to bring it down in the northern Negev area, which is largely uninhabited.

The drone, which was downed near the Yatif Forest close to the West Bank, had spent about 20 minutes in Israeli air space, an Israeli military official said on condition of anonymity in line with protocol.

Leibovich did not give more details, but Israel media reported that the aircraft was not carrying explosives and could have been a surveillance drone.

Papal pardon expected for butler after conviction

VATICAN CITY (AP)—A painful and damaging chapter in Pope Benedict XVI's papacy closed Saturday with the conviction of his former butler on charges he stole the pontiff's private letters and leaked them to a journalist. But questions remain as to whether anyone else was involved in the plot, and when the pope will pardon his once-trusted aide.

Paolo Gabriele, until recently affectionately dubbed "Paoletto" by his intimate pontifical family, stood stone-faced as Judge Giuseppe Dalla Torre read out the conviction and sentenced him to 18-months in prison for the gravest Vatican security breach in recent memory.

The decision, reached after just two hours of deliberations, capped a remarkable weeklong trial that saw the pope's closest adviser, Monsignor Georg Gaenswein, and a half dozen Vatican police officers testify about a betrayal of the pope that exposed the unseemly side of the Catholic Church's governance.

The highest-profile case to come before a court that usually handles 30 cases of petty theft a year ended none too soon: On Sunday, Benedict opens a two-week synod, or meeting of the world's bishops, summoned to Rome

to chart the church's future evangelization mission and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. By putting the embarrassing leaks scandal behind it, the Vatican has removed a major and unwelcome distraction.

Gabriele was accused of stealing the pope's private correspondence and passing it on to journalist Gianluigi Nuzzi, whose book revealed the intrigue, petty infighting and allegations of corruption and homosexual liaisons that plague the Vatican's secretive universe.



Gabriele

Focus

Mother mourns 'grim milestone' in longest US war

By ALLEN G. BREED
AP NATIONAL WRITER

Lisa Freeman was cradling her 6-day-old grandson in her left arm and watching the news on her iPad while her daughter and son-in-law caught some much-needed sleep. The retired teacher was taking notes with her free hand when she heard the news: The nation had suffered its 2,000th casualty in the Afghan war.

On Sept. 29, Army Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Metcalfe was on patrol in the country's rugged Wardak Province when his unit came under small-arms fire.

As the announcer droned on, all Freeman could do was shake her head and stare at little Matthew—named for an uncle he would never know. Marine Capt. Matthew C. Freeman fell to a sniper's bullet on Aug. 7, 2009, northeast of Kabul, not far from where Metcalfe perished.

It is almost certain that Metcalfe and Freeman—both 29 when they died—never met. Freeman grew up in the Savannah suburb of Richmond Hill, Ga.; Metcalfe was from the village of Liverpool, N.Y., population about 2,400, a few miles north of Syracuse.

Nonetheless, they were brothers, casualties in what has become America's longest war.

Looking at the number 2,000 on the small, glass screen, Lisa Freeman felt as if she'd lost her son all over again.

"I just sat here, reliving the pain and wondering: Where is America's outrage? Where is America's concern that we're still at war?"

"I walk around this country and look in faces that don't even know we're at war anymore. People that are going about their everyday lives, not realizing that they've been kept safe by this amazing group of young men and women who have been willing to sacrifice so much."

She has reason to be bitter. And yet, her son's story is a shining example of how each life—and death—touches so many others. She and all who loved him are bound to others in a spreading web of loss and grief, and they do not mourn alone.

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Matthew Freeman excelled at everything he set his mind to. Eagle Scout, honor roll, student council president. So no one was surprised when he won an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, following in his father's footsteps. After graduation in 2002, the son and grandson of naval aviators took his commission in the Marine Corps and went for jets.

Freeman was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, in the summer of 2009 when a resurgent Taliban began retaking areas once thought pacified. When officers asked for volunteers to shore up the thin lines, the young pilot with the striking blue eyes stepped forward.

In July 2009, Freeman made a secret trip home to marry his high school sweetheart, Theresa Hess. He wanted to make sure she would be notified—and taken care of—should anything happen to him.

They were married on July 10, 2009. Thirteen days later, he shipped out.

Barely two weeks into his deployment, Freeman and a fire support team



This image shows a detail of a poster featuring dozens of hand-drawn portraits of men and women killed at war by artist Michael Reagan. Since starting the Fallen Heroes Project in 2004, Reagan has drawn more than 3,000 portraits and given them free-of-charge to families of fallen soldiers.

set out for reconnaissance in the Shpee Valley when they came under almost immediate enemy attack and became pinned down. According to an official account, Freeman fought his way into a nearby building and up to the roof to get a better angle on the enemy position.

Once atop, he spotted an insurgent with a rocket-propelled grenade and was firing at the man when he was shot in the back of the head. A comrade told Lisa Freeman her son was found with his finger on the trigger of his rifle; his magazine was nearly empty.

The following January, Mrs. Freeman was visiting the Pennsylvania home of a woman whose son, an Army second lieutenant, had been killed in 2006 by an improvised explosive device in Iraq. On the wall, she noticed an amazingly lifelike pencil sketch of the fallen soldier and asked the woman who drew it.

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Retired Marine Cpl. Michael Reagan knows something about long, unpopular wars.

When asked about his tour in Vietnam, he says simply, "I survived Con Thien." Translated as "Hill of Angels," the remote Marine fire base just south of the North Vietnamese border was the site of fierce fighting for a year beginning February 1967.

While there, Reagan sketched many of his buddies—some of whom didn't make it home alive.

The Edmonds, Wash., man has since done portraits of dozens of celebrities, 137 Playboy playmates, six presidents, three prime ministers, even a pope. Using pre-autographed picture boards, he's helped raise millions for children's charities and cancer research.

In 2004, a national news show aired a piece on Reagan's work. The next day, an Iraq War widow from Boise, Idaho, called him and asked how much he would charge to do a portrait of her late husband.

He told her there would be no charge; just send him a photo. When the woman called back to thank him for the sketch, he was overcome with emotion.

Reagan turned to his wife and said, "We need to do them all."

Thus was born the Fallen Heroes Project. At the beginning, a general asked whether Reagan understood what he had gotten himself in for. Reagan replied that he figured the wars would last five years, and that he would have to do no more than 1,500 portraits.

He has done 3,100 so far. And every day, he gets at least one e-mail, requesting another.

"I haven't drawn 3,100 portraits," he says. "I've drawn one. ... Every one is too many for me."

The 65-year-old artist wakes around 4 a.m. each morning. He "cooks" his coffee, feeds his cats and sits down at his drawing table.

Each portrait takes about five hours, though some take longer and he has done as many as four in one day to have them ready in time for funerals or memorial services. He walks five miles each night, "to just be able to get air back in me."

Reagan works from videos and favorite photos—some showing the person in civilian life. People send him letters and diary entries from the deceased.

"So when I draw," he says, "I feel like I'm having a conversation."

When Lisa Freeman wrote to ask that he draw her son—in his Marine dress blues—she passed along a note from one of Matthew's high school classmates, who recalled the young man who listened so well he made you feel "like you were the most important person in the world."

"I believe the world and the lives he touched are better for him being here," she wrote.

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Joshua Welle was president of the Annapolis Class of 2002. But there

were 980 midshipmen, and though he had heard of Freeman, he did not know him—until after his death.

Welle, a lieutenant commander in the Navy, is back in the States for three weeks' leave. He is using part of that time to travel the country and tell audiences about Freeman and other classmates who have sacrificed in the ongoing War on Terror.

The surface warfare officer is lead editor of a new book, "In the Shadow of Greatness: Voices of Leadership, Sacrifice, and Service from America's Longest War." Of the Class of 2002, four have died in combat, one lost both legs, and another won the Silver Star.

As he crisscrosses the country, Welle senses that "the American people have fatigue" about the war in Afghanistan. It has become part of his mission to remind them why our troops are still there, that the war serves to protect the United States. "Americans need to have a long view," he says.

Welle says he and his coeditors wrote the book "to tell a story of post-911 leadership and help America understand that there is a good news story coming out of Iraq and Afghanistan, even though there's no clear victory."

He adds: "I don't think we can look at the wounds of battle in a body count and a death toll."

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Proceeds from the book—and, by extension, from Matthew Freeman's story—have helped causes to make a difference in the lives of Afghan War vets, including the Challenged Athlete Foundation's "Operation Rebound," a sports and fitness program for wounded veterans and first responders with permanent physical disabilities.

Wounded veterans like Daniel Riley. When Riley joined the Marines in 2007 at age 21, he was "fully aware it wasn't a question of 'if'; it would be a question of when I would find myself in Iraq or Afghanistan."

He made it unscathed through his first tour, in Iraq. And, as he'd expected, he soon found himself in Afghanistan.

On Dec. 16, 2010, Cpl. Riley and his infantry squad were on a dismounted patrol to clear a compound in the Marjah district of then-hot Helmand Province. The men had found and disarmed a couple of IEDs.

They were leaving the area when Riley took a step and felt the earth give ever so slightly beneath his right boot.

"The one thing you know in Afghanistan is that, if you're not on solid ground, you're not in a good place," he says. "The minute that ground gave out a little bit, I just swore in my head and I knew exactly what had happened."

Buried beneath a "pressure plate" was a fuel can filled with ammonium nitrate—the same explosive mix used in the Oklahoma City bombing. Riley blacked out "for a split second, but woke up flying in the air and landing."

The blast took off both of Riley's legs, just above the knee, and three fingers on his left hand. He had about a week left on his deployment.

"I was, excuse the pun, I was one foot out the door," he says with a laugh. "It was probably on one of the last patrols I would have done in my deployment."

After more than a year and a half of recovery and rehab, Riley was medically retired from the Marine Corps this summer.

Learning to walk on his prosthetic legs was "like kicking a soccer ball in a swimming pool." But he didn't just learn to walk; he has learned to soar. He joined "Operation Rebound," and has graduated from competitor to mentor.

He's 27 now, living in San Diego, and though he supports the war, he understands the frustration of many who want it to end.

"I've seen both sides of it," he says. "I've seen good being done. I've seen kids going to school, roads being built, bridges being built—that kind of thing. I've also seen a bad side of it. You see seemingly an endless war where you're continually fighting, and it's hard to see progress. ..."

"I mean, one casualty or 2,000 casualties," he says. "You know, it's numbers."

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The 2,000th casualty occurred at a lonely Afghan Army checkpoint along the main road between southern Kandahar and the national capital of Kabul—an area of scrubby, rolling foothills dotted with Pashtun villages and trees bearing fist-sized, yellow apples.

According to Afghan officials, Metcalfe and his squad were on foot patrol when the checkpoint came under insurgent attack. Believing they were being fired on by their Afghan allies, Metcalfe and the others engaged the checkpoint, the officials said.

Metcalfe, a civilian contractor and at least two Afghan soldiers died in the firefight. The Pentagon is investigating.

Metcalfe, a member of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, was an 11-year veteran and was on his third deployment. He leaves a wife and four children, aged 11 months to 12 years.

Lisa Freeman can't help thinking he should never have been in that "impossible place."

Health & Fitness

Waiting, worrying amid deadly meningitis outbreak

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Patsy Bivins tossed and turned all night after finding out the steroid shot she received to ease her chronic back pain could instead threaten her life.

For now, all the 68-year-old retired waitress can do is hope she doesn't develop the telltale signs of a rare form of fungal meningitis that health officials say has sickened more than 60 people in nine states: a splitting headache, fever, stiff neck, difficulty walking or worsening back pain. There may be hundreds or even thousands more like her.

She called her doctors Friday, right after her first cup of coffee, hoping to relieve the anxiety stirred a day earlier when she learned she might be at risk. Bivins was told only that she didn't need to be checked unless she developed symptoms.

"I'm not sure if I like it," Bivins, of Sturgis, Ky., said Friday in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "Seems like there should be some way to tell it before you get the symptoms. Honestly, it makes me worse than I was."

Federal health officials say seven people have died so far,

and they fear thousands more could have been exposed. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said the outbreak may have been caused by a steroid made by a specialty pharmacy in Massachusetts, where inspectors found at least one sealed vial that was contaminated. It's not yet clear how the fungus got into the steroid, which is commonly used to treat back pain. But officials have told health professionals not to use anything made by the pharmacy.

So far, the government has identified about 75 facilities in

23 states that received the recalled doses. It is not yet clear exactly how many people could get sick, though health officials say the fungus is not transmitted from person to person.

The CDC has called for clinics and doctors to immediately identify those who could have been exposed between July 1 and Sept. 28. It could be weeks before any of the patients are in the clear.

"Sure I'm apprehensive, but there's not a thing I can do except wait and see what happens," said Richard Jenkins, an 81-year-old from Nashville who received his

most recent shot Sept. 11 at the Saint Thomas Outpatient Neurology Surgery Center.

The chief medical officer for the Tennessee Department of Health said Friday the incubation period for the disease isn't yet known and he advised at-

risk patients to be vigilant for symptoms for weeks.

"A month is the shortest we'd possibly want to consider that. We're looking at a longer period of time before we'd feel confident that somebody is out of the woods," Dr. David Reagan said.

Free birth control leads to fewer abortions

WASHINGTON (AP)—Free birth control led to dramatically lower rates of abortions and teen births, a large study concludes. The findings were eagerly anticipated and come as a bitterly contested Obama administration policy is poised to offer similar coverage.

The project tracked more than 9,000 women in St. Louis, many of them poor or uninsured. They were given their choice of a range of contraceptive methods at no cost—from birth control pills to goof-proof options like the IUD or a matchstick-sized implant.

When price wasn't an issue, women flocked to the most effective contraceptives—the implanted options, which typically cost hundreds of dollars up-front to insert. These women experienced far fewer unintended pregnancies as a result, reported Dr. Jeffrey Peipert of Washington University in St. Louis in a study published Thursday.

The effect on teen pregnancy was striking: There were 6.3

births per 1,000 teenagers in the study. Compare that to a national rate of 34 births per 1,000 teens in 2010.

There also were substantially lower rates of abortion, when compared with women in the metro area and nationally: 4.4 to 7.5 abortions per 1,000 women in the study, compared with 13.4 to 17 abortions per 1,000 women overall in the St. Louis region, Peipert calculated. That's lower than the national rate, too, which is almost 20 abortions per 1,000 women.

In fact, if the program were expanded, one abortion could be prevented for every 79 to 137 women given a free contraceptive choice, Peipert's team reported in the journal *Obstetrics & Gynecology*.

The findings of the study, which ran from 2008 to 2010, come as millions of U.S. women are beginning to get access to contraception without copays under President Barack Obama's health care law.

Personal Trainer

Sunscreen myths

Dermatologists say that some common myths about sun protection sometimes thwart their advice to patients about using sunscreen.

Myth: SPF over 15 is overkill
SPF 30 and higher sunscreen protects skin significantly better than SPF 15; high SPF compensates for sweating, water washing off lotion and using too little

Myth: Sunscreens deteriorate in a year
Unless sunscreen lotion turns rancid, it keeps for several years; shake up an older sunscreen before use

Myth: Cloudy days and being in the water make sunscreen unnecessary
Up to 80 percent of ultraviolet light penetrates clouds; up to 50 percent penetrates water

Myth: Clothing or hats are as good as sunscreen
Loose fabrics transmit up to 30 percent of UV, and wet fabrics even more; baseball cap brims are too small to protect well

Myth: Sunscreen causes overheating during exercise
In an experiment, 22 men exercised vigorously wearing heavy sunscreen; their skin was **cooler** than when exercising without sunscreen

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In Celebration of Her New Life

†MARIE ELAINE CABRERA

April 28, 1965 – October 04, 2012

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

- Mother:** Magdalena Muna Cabrera (Maggie/Nencho)
- Brother:** Daniel Joseph M. & Magdalena S. Cabrera (Christopher, Marlon, Deandra, Ashley, Kevin)
- Godparents:** Trinidad "Tannie" Dela Cruz Salas and Edith C. Serrano
- Uncles/Aunts:** Maria M. Celis
Francisca M. & Gregorio B. Sablan
Rosa C. Hunt
Juan M. & Dyna Cabrera
Jose M. & Victoria Cabrera
Bernadita C. & Pedro Itibus
Victoria D. Dela Cruz.

In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:

- Grandparents:** †Juan Sablan and †Joaquina Muna Cabrera
†Mariano and †Esperanza S. Cabrera
- Nephew:** †Ryan Dean S. Cabrera
- Aunt/Uncles:** †Antonia C. & †Russel Arienta
†Augustin I. Celis
†Al Hunt
- Godfather:** †Pedro C. DelaCruz

She will be greatly missed by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Daily Mass of Intentions is celebrated at 6:00 p.m. at San Antonio Church.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, October 12, 2012. Her remains will lie in state at Nuestra Señora dela Paz Memorial Chapel from 07:00 to 08:30 a.m. Holy Rosary will be recited at 07:30 a.m. followed by the Responso Service at 08:30 a.m.

Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Señora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 08:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 09:00 a.m. followed by Interment Services at 10:00 a.m. at Santuario Pax in Kagman where she will be at a peaceful rest.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYERS

Magdalena Muna Cabrera "Maggie/Nencho" and Family

In Celebration of Her New Life

JOSELYN TARA MAFNAS SABLAN

Better Known as "Jos"

Born: October 13, 1988 | Died: September 20, 2012

Joselyn was called from this life on
Thursday, September 20, 2012 at the age of 23.

Predeceased by:

Paternal Grand Parents:

Josepha Sablan Delos Santos
William Cabrera

Maternal Grand Parents:

Leocardio Camacho Mafnas
Sabina Castro Mafnas

Aunts and Uncles:

Calistro Castro Mafnas
Bruce Magofna Mafnas
Ramon Sablan Delos Santos
Lalani Delos Santos Lizama
Grace Aldan Delos Santos
Tundra Cabrera

God Father:

Konrad Sablan Reyes

Her Memories will live forever in the hearts of her

Father: Joseph Mariano Sablan

Mother: Rosa Mafnas Sablan

Brothers: Eric Sabino Sablan/Keomi (Ceoni),

Keith Bryan and Alan Joseph

Sister: Sasha Mae

Reared Sister: Erika Francine Mafnas

Grand Parents:

Joaquin Pangelinan Delos Santos
Maria Celis Delos Santos

God Parents:

Baptismal: Frances Castro Mafnas

Confirmation: Tayna Belyeu Camacho

*She is also survive by numerous uncles, Aunts, niece,
nephews, cousins and friends.*

Daily Mass is being offered at 6:00am at Mt. Carmel Cathedral.

Everyone is invited to join us in the lighting of the Candle Vigil at the
Airport Road upon her arrival on Friday, October 5th at 12:50am and her
remains will be escorted to Borja Funeral Home.

On Saturday, October 6th, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm there will be a family viewing.

On Tuesday, October 9th at 7:30am, her body will be escorted from Borja
Funeral Home to Mt. Carmel Cathedral for the viewing and last respects.

Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:00am followed by the
interment at the Veteran's Cemetery in Marpi.

Your presence, thoughts & prayers are greatly appreciated.

From

Joseph Mariano & Rosa Mafnas Sablan, Children and Family



Life & Style

O'Reilly, Stewart tangle in mock debate

By JOSH LEDERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP)—There were all the trappings of a high-octane presidential debate: the over-the-top declarations, the pre-practiced zingers and the schmaltzy appeals to America's truest values. But the presidential candidates were nowhere to be found.

In their place Saturday were two celebrity gabbers who have claimed their stakes to the polar opposite ends of the political spectrum: Bill O'Reilly and Jon Stewart. The political odd-couple came to Washington ready to tangle in an event mockingly dubbed "The Rumble in the Air-Conditioned Auditorium."

Choice words not suitable for the faint of heart dotted the 90-minute exchange between the Fox News anchor and the star of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show," who bantered aggressively but good-naturedly over birth control, President George W. Bush and the so-called "War on Christmas."

Stewart came prepped with a mechanical pedestal he used to elevate himself in the air, making the height-challenged comedian appear taller than the lanky O'Reilly when he wanted to drive a point home.

"I like you much better that way," O'Reilly quipped at one point as he gazed up at his ideological foe.

The political feud between the two caffeinated TV personalities dates back more than a decade. Much like family members who just can't resist pushing each other's buttons over Thanksgiving stuffing, Stewart and O'Reilly love to disagree, but appear to hold nothing against each other once the latest spat has run its course. The two have appeared on each other's programs since 2001, but the face-off Saturday at The George Washington University marked their first head-to-head debate.

Appearing wholly presidential in dark jackets and face makeup under a sign reading "Yum, this banner tastes like freedom," the two quickly turned to talk of government spending and the 47 percent of Americans that Republican Mitt Romney said in a video are dependent on government.

Stewart, defending government involvement in health care and social programs, said the U.S. has always been an entitlement nation.

"We are a people that went to another country, saw other people on it and said, 'Yea, we want that,'" Stewart said. "Have you ever seen 'Oprah's favorite things' episode?"

Asked who he'd like to see



In this Sept. 22, 2010 file photo, Comedy Central's Jon Stewart, left, and Bill O'Reilly tape an interview in New York.

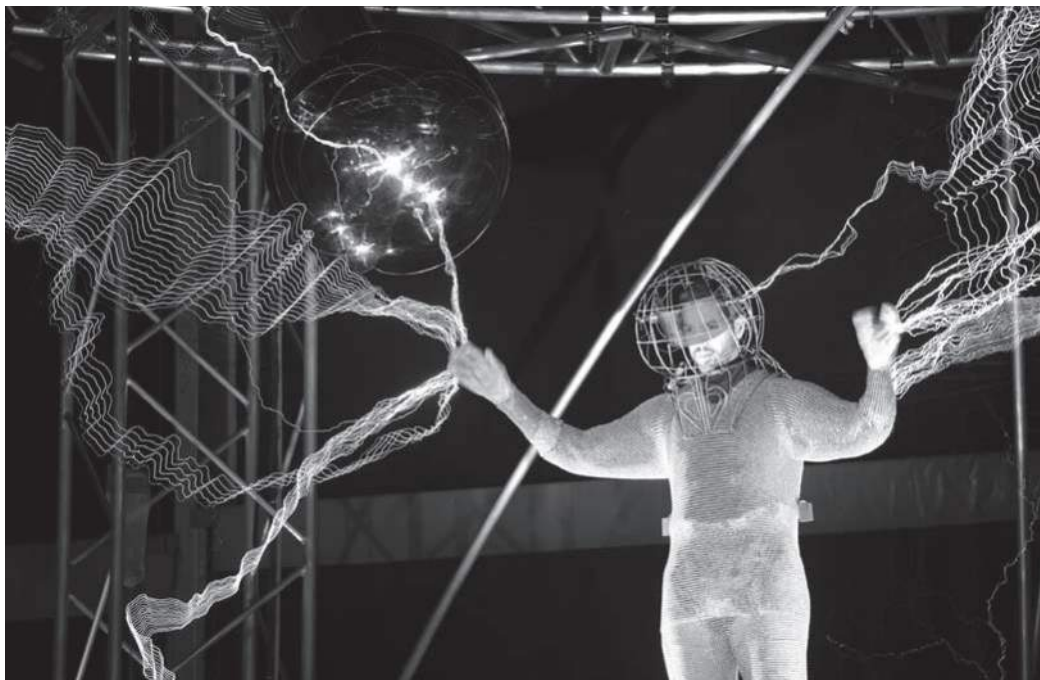
as president, O'Reilly deadpanned: "I'd have to say Clint Eastwood."

"Well why don't we ask him," said Stewart, mocking the Hollywood actor's wide-

ly panned speech in August at the Republican National Convention by getting out of his chair and staring at it while the crowd erupted in laughter.

In an apparent show of bipartisanship, Stewart even got on O'Reilly lap at one point. "And what would you like for Christmas, little boy?" O'Reilly said slyly.

Blaine goes for shock-factor with latest stunt



Magician David Blaine stands inside an apparatus surrounded by a million volts of electric currents streamed by tesla coils during his 72-hour "Electrified: 1 Million Volts Always On" stunt on Pier 54, Friday, Oct. 5, 2012, in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)—Daredevil stuntman David Blaine lit up New York's Pier 54 on Friday for his latest high voltage feat.

The illusionist is scheduled to spend three days and nights standing in the middle of a million volts of electric currents streamed by tesla coils.

The stunt is called "Electrified: One Million Volts Always On."

"Electrified" also is being streamed on YouTube, thanks to computing company Intel. Viewing stations are located in London, Beijing, Tokyo and Sydney. Viewers at the stations

are able to control the coils.

The 39-year-old Blaine is wearing a chainmail bodysuit as a barrier between himself and the electric currents.

Blaine's past stunts include hanging upside down over Central Park, being buried alive and encased in a block of ice.

Boston man named 1st 'Price Is Right' male model

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A Boston man has won an online competition to become the first male model in "The Price Is Right" history.

The long-running CBS game show said Friday that viewers had chosen Rob Wilson from among a trio of finalists who also included Clint Brink and Nick Denbeigh.

Wilson begins his weeklong stint alongside the ladies on Oct. 15.

The contest was announced in August. Hundreds of he-man hopefuls showed up at the open call in Los Angeles, where they had a chance to strut their stuff



Wilson

for the show's producers and the female models the show is well known for.

The show has been on the air since September 1972.

"The Price Is Right" is hosted by Drew Carey. It airs weekdays at 11 a.m. Eastern time.

Woman hesitates to commit to man with criminal past

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a man, "Jerry," who committed a crime years ago. He and a friend participated in several robberies. Jerry was unarmed and no one was hurt, although the victims were traumatized. Jerry was caught, served time in prison and has completely reformed his life. He finished college, was married for many years, is a devoted father to his children and holds an excellent job for which he is respected.

Despite the way Jerry has lived his life, I am having a hard time getting over his past. Although I know he has done everything humanly possible to redeem himself, I can't help wondering what kind of person he is DEEP DOWN. We are starting to get more serious, and he doesn't know I'm aware of his record. (A mutual friend told me long before Jerry and I began to date.)

I'm concerned that if my children know about what he did, they will never accept him. Although I have never met someone with whom I feel so compatible since my divorce, I wonder if it's worth pursuing.

TORN OVER HIS PAST

DEAR TORN: Let me help you. Jerry is a man who made a very stupid mistake in his youth and who has paid for it. But it didn't stop him from turning his life around and making a success of himself. Many people would respect that. I know I do.

Because you and Jerry are getting serious, he should have mentioned his past to you. The two of you need to have a heart-to-heart talk. If you are truly worried about the kind of person he is "deep down," this is the way to find out. As for your children—once YOU accept him, so will they if you impress upon them how hard he has worked to become the person he is today.

DEAR ABBY: I have been going to a small community building near where I live to sing karaoke. I love going there because no alcohol is served, everyone acts like family, and I can take my kids and grandkids. My husband doesn't go because he has other stress relievers and we have different interests. He knows some of the people there and doesn't mind me going with my best friend.

I love my husband very much. I am not "looking for love." However, last month the DJ's wife was waiting for me and said she didn't appreciate my singing with her husband (she never comes, either) and told me to stop leaving comments on his Facebook page.

I tried to explain that I thought he was my friend, but she wasn't having it. She wanted to start trouble and ruin what happiness we all have. I thought about not going back, but I love the singing.

I haven't done anything wrong or said anything inappropriate. My friends at karaoke want me back, and my husband says I should go. I have been so down about this. There's no other place around where they don't serve alcohol. Please help me.

INNOCENT AND HURT IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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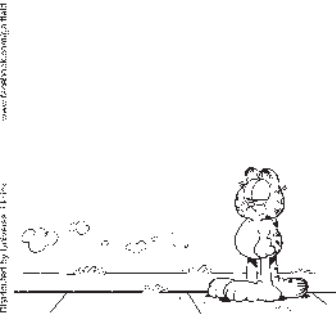
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7 Spruced up
11 Dazzle
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14 Related (to)
15 Caffeine-rich nut
16 Battle
17 Dissolve
18 Okefenokee, e.g.
20 Traditional tales
22 Conger, for one
24 The Enlightened One
28 Knot for human consumption?
32 Thin porridge
33 Apiece
34 Martini ingredient
36 Gumbo base
37 "Hog-wash!"

DOWN

19 Candy known for its dispensers
21 Carpet
23 Lower limb
25 Top-ranking noble
26 Mr., in Munich
27 "Sad to say ..."
28 Energizes, with "up"
29 Grate
30 Reverb
31 Claiborne of fashion
35 Pinch
38 Court
40 "Bam!"
42 O'Donnell of TV news
45 Hardy cabbage
47 Home turf?
48 Fit of peevishness
49 Lofty
50 "See ya"
51 Listener
52 Puncturing tool
54 Triumph

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Saturday's answer 10-8

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Angus T. Jones, 19; Matt Damon, 42; Sigourney Weaver, 63; Chevy Chase, 69.

Happy Birthday: Good things are heading your way. You can learn a lot from the people around you. Travel and educational pursuits will pay off. A change in direction, vocation and the way you take care of your health and financial matters will lead to greater benefits, personal skills and abilities. Revisit and revise old goals. Your numbers are 4, 11, 15, 21, 26, 35, 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Rethink your plans and question your motives. Honesty must take precedence. Emotions will surface due to situations that are tempting but not necessarily good for you. Deal with conflict first, and then proceed with your plans. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make self-improvements that will boost your confidence and give you the edge you need to get ahead personally and professionally. Encouraging others will bring favors you can use in a time of need. Search for common ground with those you love. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stop worrying about what's going on around you. Focus on your achievements. Overdoing it will stand between you and your success. Discipline and hard work will be required if you want to bring about positive change. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Getting out with peers will lead to greater opportunities. Mingle and indulge in talks that concern business and investment prospects. You will

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Motivational seminars, traveling or just changing your surroundings will help you resolve pending problems causing undue stress. Don't get angry or emotional when what you should be doing is moving along. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Extravagance will work against you. You cannot buy love or position—you have to do the work to get the praise. Look for a proposal that can help you advance enough to warrant making the personal changes you desire. Love is highlighted. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Indulge in events that help you discover your true potential or encourage greater interaction with people who motivate you to follow your passion. If you implement what you enjoy doing into how you earn a living, you will achieve satisfaction. **

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will end up in a tough position if you have not been completely honest about your next move, or about the way you feel. Spell out what it is you want to do, and make your move accordingly. A change is required. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Share ideas with family, friends or your partner and you will reach your goals. Taking what you know and do best and finding a way to introduce what's being offered to you by others will lead to victory. Love and romance are highlighted. ***

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Reds lose ace, win first playoff game in 17 years



SAN FRANCISCO
(AP)—The

Cincinnati Reds rode a patchwork pitching staff to their first postseason win in 17 years—after losing their ace, no less.

Sam LeCure, Mat Latos and three other pitchers shut down San Francisco after Johnny Cueto went out in the first inning with a back injury, and the Cincinnati Reds were powered by home runs from Brandon Phillips and Jay Bruce to beat the Giants 5-2 in Game 1 of the NL division series Saturday night.

Phillips hit a two-run homer in the third, and Bruce added a solo drive leading off the fourth as the Reds overcame the departure of their 19-game winner after just eight pitches.

Aroldis Chapman gave up a run in the ninth on a wild pitch but struck out Buster Posey with a 100 mph fastball to end it with runners on second and third.

San Francisco's Matt Cain allowed his first career postseason earned runs after going untouched during the Giants' improbable World Series season of 2010.

That same year, Cincinnati was swept out of the first round by the Phillies, getting no-hit by Roy Halladay. This time, the Reds clobbered Cain and played on with poise when Cueto got hurt. Phillips, who made the final out of Halladay's no-no, added an RBI single in the ninth for his third hit and the Reds scored another on a passed ball.

"I was just trying to make things happen for the team," Phillips said. "We really believe in our team. Johnny is the type of person that we really need."

Reds skipper Dusty Baker earned an emotional win in his return to AT&T Park for the playoffs 10 years after managing the Giants within six outs of a World Series title before losing to the wild-card Angels. He's also back on the top step of the dugout after rejoining the team this week following an 11-game absence while re-



Cincinnati Reds starting pitcher Johnny Cueto throws in the first inning of Game 1 of the National League division series against the San Francisco Giants in San Francisco, Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012. Cueto left the game with an injury.

covering from a mini-stroke and irregular heartbeat.

Game 2 is Sunday night, with right-hander Bronson Arroyo (12-10) taking the ball for the Reds against San Francisco lefty Madison Bumgarner (16-11).

LeCure did his part to calm the team.

The right-hander earned the win with 1 2-3 innings before Baker turned to 14-game winner Mat Latos, who was seemingly unfazed at being forced into early duty. He allowed a home run to Posey during his

four innings, but San Francisco managed little else against one of baseball's best bullpens.

The Reds set a club record this year as all five starters made it through the season without getting injured—and they used their sixth starter for a doubleheader.

Other Cincinnati clubs might not have had it in them to withstand losing a starter like Cueto. The Reds have had a tough go come playoff time.

But Baker has long been confident in the "fight" of this bunch, which already dealt

with losing Ryan Madson and two other relievers before the season started.

The 63-year-old Baker was greeted by a rousing ovation during pregame introductions from an orange-towel-waving sellout crowd of 43,492. The main center-field scoreboard read "WELCOME BACK DUSTY GREAT TO SEE YOU BACK IN THE DUGOUT."

Baker has vowed this team is something special—"They love each other and they hang together," he said.

The Reds had dropped seven

straight playoff games dating to 1995, when now-Nationals manager Davey Johnson and Cincinnati were swept in the NL championship series by Atlanta.

"I swear, I don't know any of these numbers," Baker said when it came up before the game. "You can't do anything about the last 17 years, whatever it is."

Latos began the third, going on three days' rest, after pitching five innings Tuesday at St. Louis. While he had been set to go Game 3 on Tuesday in Cincinnati, the Reds said Cueto is day to day and certainly are hoping he'll be ready later this series.

Posey homered to left leading off the sixth for San Francisco, drawing cheers of "M-V-P! M-V-P!" for the NL batting champion. It was his second career postseason home run and gave him a six-game postseason hitting streak dating to his 2010 Rookie of the Year season.

Cain was left to watch at that point, and he hardly looked happy visiting with manager Bruce Bochy in the dugout after being pulled before the bottom of the fifth for George Kontos.

The right-hander went 23 1-3 postseason innings without allowing an earned run, fifth-

longest in major league history.

Tigers 3, Athletics 1

In Detroit, Justin Verlander threw a fastball that caught a bit too much of the plate, allowing Oakland's Coco Crisp to lead off the game with a stunning home run.

For the first few innings, Verlander labored, his pitch count rising while his control deserted him. But the Athletics could manage only that one run, missing their best chance of the night to break through against Detroit's hard-throwing ace.

Verlander held Oakland scoreless after his early slip, and Alex Avila homered in the fifth inning to lift the Tigers over the Athletics 3-1 Saturday night in the opener of their best-of-five AL playoff. Verlander allowed three hits in seven innings and matched his postseason high with 11 strikeouts.

"Early on was kind of a bit of a battle for me," Verlander said. "Just kind of found my rhythm a little bit and was able to hit my spots better, and I started throwing my breaking ball for strikes a little bit better too."

As usual, he seemed stronger in the later innings, striking out the side in the sixth and the first two hitters of the seventh.

Terry Francona hired as Cleveland manager

CLEVELAND (AP)—Terry Francona is getting back with one of his baseball families.

Francona, who guided the Boston Red Sox to two World Series titles, has been hired as manager of the Cleveland Indians, a team that collapsed in the second half this season after a promising first four months. The sides continued working Saturday night on the length of Francona's contract.

The 53-year-old will be formally introduced as Cleveland's 42nd manager during a Monday news conference at Progressive Field.

"I'm really excited," Francona said on the air as an ESPN analyst, his job for the past season. "People who don't know me may have thought I was looking for something different."

The Indians chose Francona over Sandy Alomar Jr., who served as the club's interim manager for the final six games after Manny Acta was fired on Sept. 27. Francona and Alomar, who spent the past three seasons as a coach in Cleveland, were the only candidates to interview for the Indians' opening.

Alomar has been offered a spot on Francona's staff, most likely as bench coach.

The Indians have always held a special place for Francona. After he was fired as Philadelphia's manager, he worked in Cleveland's front

office as an adviser in 2001. He also spent a portion of the 1988 season on Cleveland's major league roster and his father, Tito, played with the Indians from 1959-64.

Francona has stayed close with Indians president Mark Shapiro and general manager Chris Antonetti over the past decade. He said the chance to work with them again is what intrigued him most about the Cleveland job, which will have its challenges because of a much smaller payroll than he enjoyed in Boston.

"It's a good story, almost a family feeling," Francona said after his interview on Friday. "I don't think you can take a job because of that, but it still means a lot to me. Because of Chris and Mark and my relationship, I am excited to try to tackle, or attempt to tackle, every challenge that comes our way and do it together."

There are some major challenges in Cleveland, where fans have been waiting for a World Series winner since 1948.

The Indians were a major disappointment this season, going 68-94. They were within 3 1-2 games of first place on July 27, but went 5-24 in August—the worst month in the franchise's 112-year history—and finished 20 games out in the AL Central. Acta didn't get to finish his third season with the club.

Disputed call leads to renewed cries for replay

ATLANTA (AP)—The NFL replacement refs are not there to kick around anymore.

Not to worry.

A familiar target has emerged. Instead of guys wearing stripes, it's the men in blue.

Major League Baseball found itself embroiled in another postseason maelstrom over umpires—and renewed calls for increased use of instant replay—after a disputed infield fly call led to mayhem in the stands in the one-game, winner-take-all playoff in Atlanta.

The St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Braves 6-3 on Friday, advancing to the division series against the Washington Nationals. But this landmark game—the debut of the wild-

card playoff under baseball's expanded postseason format—will long be remembered for a ruling by Sam Holbrook in the eighth inning.

Andrelton Simmons hit a pop fly that dropped safely in left field after a mix-up between two fielders, either able to have caught the ball easily. Holbrook ruled the batter out anyway under the infield fly rule. The fans at Turner Field went nuts, littering the field with beers cups, buckets of popcorn and anything else they could get their hands on, leading to a scary, 19-minute delay.

Almost as quickly as the field was covered in trash, there were immediate comparisons to the NFL's referee debacle. Someone at Turner Field even held up what

was apparently a hastily crafted sign: "Replacement Umps?"

Former Braves outfielder Dale Murphy, who won two MVP awards in the 1980s, weighed in on Twitter.

He wasn't alone. "Oh my," Murphy wrote. "Not believing this. Calls an infield fly when the ball is almost on the ground?"

"One game elimination and a call like that is made? Inexcusable," Oakland Athletics pitcher Brandon McCarthy said.

"Wow. Infield fly on a 200 footer," added Arizona pitcher Daniel Hudson.

Even out in San Francisco, where the Giants host Cincinnati in Game 1 of the NL's other division series on Saturday,

the call in Atlanta had everyone's attention.

"I didn't know it was an infield fly," reliever Jeremy Affeldt said. "I don't even know how an infield fly is an infield fly. I don't know where the line's drawn."

Maybe that's even an issue for some folks at MLB.

Baseball's official Twitter site had a sentence in its profile that said "We don't understand the infield fly rule, either." Sure, it was just somebody's attempt at humor, but that sentence was quietly zapped from the site as the trash was flying in Atlanta.

Indeed, this is no laughing matter, especially for the Braves.

Their season is over.

Manning, Brady renew quarterback rivalry



DENVER (AP)—Don't be overly concerned about the exchange of geniality and effusive praise between Peyton Manning and Tom Brady last week. Just so it's clear, the longtime quarterback rivals did not speak to each other during the week, nor do they plan to Sunday until after their passing duel is finished.

But when the game between Manning's Broncos and Brady's Patriots is finished, they will seek each other out at Gillette Stadium for the obligatory exchange between starting quarterbacks.

Until then: Game on.

"It's very competitive on Sundays, don't get me wrong," Manning said. "We don't visit before the game. We don't talk during the week or anything like that. It's all business out there. But I have a ton of respect for him, the way he goes about his business."

For Manning-Brady XIII, the passing combatants did talk glowingly about each other this past week, but only through their media buddies.

"The league certainly missed him when he wasn't in there last year," Brady said in a conference call with the Denver media. "He's a phenomenal player, leader and quarterback, and it's great watching him play out there."

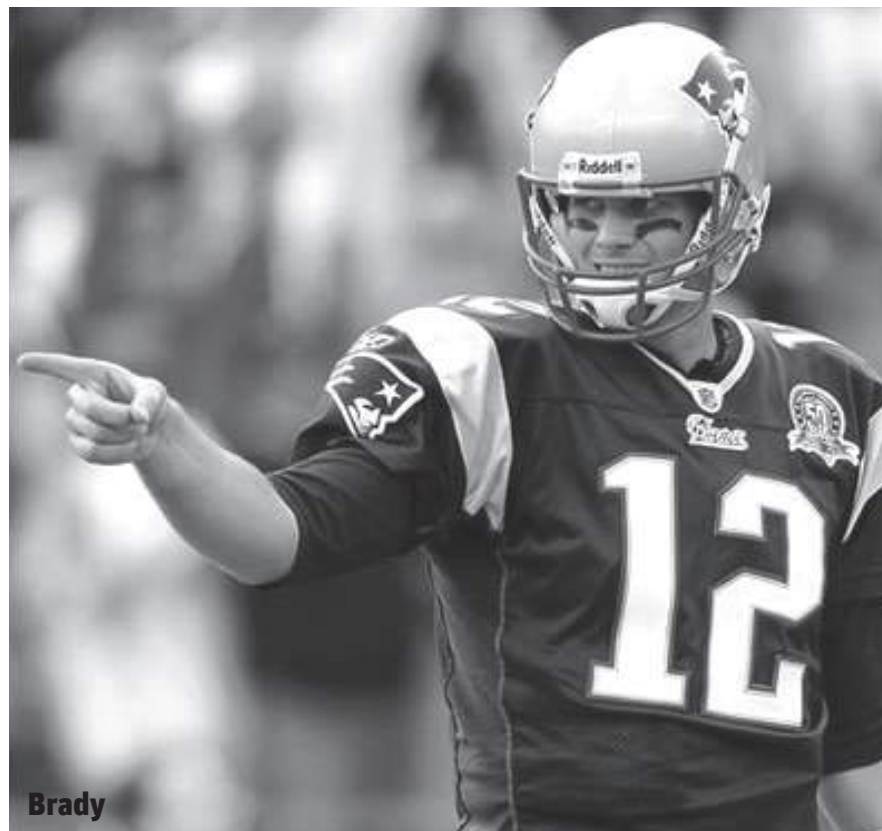
Manning wanted to make sure people understood how his generational adversary was there for him last season, when he missed all 16 games in his final year with the Indianapolis Colts because of a neck injury.

That injury turned out to be a blessing for the Broncos, for the neck led to his departure from Indy and arrival in Denver. He's now working the rust off—much as Brady did in 2009 when he returned from missing nearly a full year—and coming off his best performance of the season in last week's dismantling of Oakland.

"Tom has a guy he's used; I



Manning



Brady

don't know what the word is, a body guy, a muscle therapist," Manning said. "He reached out and said, 'Whatever I can do to help.' I know he went through an injury before as well."

Yes, he did. For all Manning and Brady have in common—the stats, the records, the wins, the championships, the off-field endorsements (Manning is more visible in television commercials; Brady has gone the magazine model route)—their bond strengthened through setback.

Manning and Brady—or is that Brady and Manning?—have gone down with a major injury that forced them to essentially miss a full season at the height of their powers.

Brady went 16-0 and threw an NFL-record 50 touchdown passes in 2007, only to have his knee torn up in the first quarter of the first game of 2008.

As the Patriots' season went on without him, Brady became a recluse. Manning was able to get through, though, to offer the occasional

"Yeah, he did," Brady said. "Certainly, it meant a lot to me. We've known each other for a long time. We have a lot of things in common, so it's nice when we're going through some things, to bounce an idea or two off one another."

Brady and his reconstructed knee returned in 2009, and though there were struggles in that first season back, he eventually earned his second league MVP award in 2010 and led the Patriots to his fifth Super Bowl appearance in 2011, whereupon he completed 15 straight passes in one stretch.

Did Brady's all-the-way comeback give Manning hope he could too?

"Totally, two different type of injuries," Manning said. "But he was supportive. He plays for another team and he reached out to me and said, 'Hey, anything I can do to help the rehab, miss seeing you out there.' When you're injured, and you're not out there playing, you kind of find out who's with you and who's not. Tom consistently

throughout the season would check in with me. I appreciated that. It says a lot."

There was never a serious Manning-Brady debate, no talk of a Manning-Brady rivalry, until the 2003 season AFC championship game.

Manning by then had established himself as the game's best quarterback, or certainly its most prolific passer. He led

the NFL with 4,267 passing yards in 2003 and ranked second with 29 TD passes against just 10 interceptions.

Brady, meanwhile, was viewed much like Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger of more recent NFL quarterback vintage—a nice quarterback on a great team. Brady threw for a pedestrian 2,843 yards in his first Super Bowl season of

2001, and around 3,600 yards in each of his next two championship years, 2003 and 2004.

A good quarterback. A clutch quarterback, to be sure. But entering that AFC championship game, Manning was in a class with no peer. He destroyed the Broncos and Kansas City Chiefs in the first two playoff rounds for eight touchdown passes, no interceptions, 681 yards and 79 points.

Blixt, Moore, de Jonge lead in Las Vegas



LAS VEGAS (AP)—Jonas Blixt, Brendon de Jonge and Ryan Moore left everyone else behind Saturday in the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

Blixt birdied six of the last seven holes for a 5-under 66 and a share of the lead with Moore and de Jonge—five strokes ahead of their closest rivals in the Fall Series opener at TPC Summerlin.

Moore had a bogey-free 65, and de Jonge birdied four of the last five for a 66 to match Blixt at 19 under.

"Today was just a good solid day," Moore said. "I didn't do anything amazing, but at the same time, I just did what I've been doing this whole week, just put it in play, gave myself a bunch of wedges, 9-irons into greens, and was able to convert a bunch of my reasonable birdie chances."

Moore, a former UNLV player who lives in Las Vegas, won the 2009 Wyndham Championship for his lone PGA Tour title. Blixt, from Sweden, and de Jonge, from Zimbabwe, are winless on the tour.

The three leaders played in the same group.

"It was great today," Blixt said. "They're both great guys, was very relaxed out there, and I just had a good time. Then they ran away a little bit, and then I got lucky, I got hot in the end and made some putts and was

able to catch them in the end there. I'm really looking forward to tomorrow."

Moore shot a 61 to take the first-round lead, then slipped a stroke behind Blixt and de Jonge on Friday with a 68.

"It's nice playing next to guys that are playing well and making putts," Moore said. "Sometimes it makes that hole look even bigger when you see them just keep dropping. That's what was happening, especially on the back nine today. Both of them got rolling and made a bunch of birdies in a row, and I kind of threw in a couple here and there and kind of stayed there with them."

"They're both great guys to play with. I've played with Brendon quite a bit, but it was the first time I've played with Jonas. I enjoyed talking to him and I'm looking forward to tomorrow."

De Jonge agreed.

"When everyone is playing well you can feed off each other, and I think we did a good job of that today, saw a lot of putts go in," he said. "Everyone played well, and hopefully we'll have more of the same tomorrow."

Jimmy Walker and Tim Herron were five strokes back. Walker had a 66, and Herron shot 68.

John Daly, tied for sixth at 10 under after a season-best 63 on Friday, had a 15-over 86 to drop to last among the 72 players who made the cut. He had a

quadruple bogey, a triple bogey, two double bogeys, six bogeys and two birdies in his worst round of the season.

"I can't remember a time when I had a stretch of so many bad holes, where I hit a couple bad shots but didn't really hit that many bad shots. This course, everybody shoots it low, but there's times where nothing just goes right. I short-sided myself all day. If I missed a green, I had the most impossible chips. I couldn't make a 4-footer today, and I had the lefts going. Usually if I miss the ball, it's right, so that confused me a little bit. It's almost you get off to a start like that, your body just almost goes into shock, and every time I tried to hit a cut, I'd hit a pull, and every time I'd try to hit a draw, I'd flare it right."

At 132nd on the money list, the two-time major champion is trying to move into the top 125 to secure full playing privileges for next season.

"It's just a rough day," Daly said. "Just a tough day."

De Jonge wasn't worried about dwelling on his lofty position on the leaderboard.

"No, in Vegas, I definitely won't be thinking about the tournament," de Jonge said. "There's a lot of other stuff to do in this place. It won't be hard to get away from it all. That's what's nice about playing a tournament in a place like this. It's very easy to get away from golf once you're done."

LeBron expected to play when Heat open preseason



MIAMI (AP)—LeBron James will be among the Miami Heat players expected in the lineup on Sunday when the reigning NBA champions open their preseason schedule at the Atlanta Hawks.

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said point guard Mario Chalmers and center Joel Anthony, both dealing with minor injuries, will not play Sunday. Most everyone else would be under consideration for at least some minutes against the Hawks, including guard Dwyane Wade, who will be listed as "day-to-day" for the entire preseason while he works his way back from offseason knee surgery.

"I feel good," Wade said. "That'll be coach's decision. But I'm going to try to come in and do what I've done every day, get to the gym and work out

and see how I feel from there."

James said it would have been "a little bit" awkward to sit out the first exhibition of the season for the Heat, who will be on the floor against an opponent for the first time since beating Oklahoma City in Game 5 of last season's NBA Finals.

"The Atlanta fans, they'll be happy be about it," James said. "Those Atlanta fans, they'll be happy that Spo is making me active. It'll be fun. Whatever I play, I don't know how many minutes I'll play, but the minutes I'm out there I will produce."

Also expected to be among those in the Miami lineup on Sunday: Chris Bosh, Ray Allen and Rashard Lewis. If they play, Allen and Lewis would be making their Heat game debuts, albeit debuts that won't ultimately count for much.

"If it's up to Spo I'd probably

play all eight preseason games," James said. "But it'll be fun to get out there with some of my new teammates, get out there with Ray, get out there with Rashard tomorrow and get out with the guys that I left the floor with in Game 5."

After Sunday's game, the Heat will depart for a week in China and two games against the Los Angeles Clippers. Spoelstra said everyone on the training camp roster is going to be on the China trip.

Spoelstra indicated James and Bosh might not play long in the first exhibition game, with a planned 14-hour flight to China set to follow.

"Not extended minutes," Spoelstra said.

Jarvis Varnado was limited by what Spoelstra said was a mild hamstring strain and worked out on the side of the court.

Kagman rises up over Torchbearers

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Kagman finally had its first taste of victory last Friday, as it downed the Agape Torchbearers, 66-53, in the U20 division game in the 2012 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Kagman dropped its first three games of the season before finding a way past the Torchbearers, who absorbed their fifth straight loss.

Anthony Malwelbug honed in on his range right away and bagged six points late in the opening period to help push Kagman in front, 16-9. He then added six more markers in the second quarter to extend Kagman's lead to double digits at intermission, 28-18.

Agape's Amus Ren and Joe Yang tallied 8 points apiece in the first half so lack of scoring was not the team's problem, but rather its inability to bring down rebounds or obstruct Kagman's second chance scoring opportunities.

Kagman won the battle of the boards even without center, Jason Lampkin, and rebounding played a key role in the outcome of the match.

On numerous occasions, Agape worked hard to get a basket to drop, only to get burned on the other end and when Kag-



Kagman's Jesse Santos converts a put back against an Agape Torchbearers defender during their U20 division game in the Rotary caging last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

man's guards failed to convert their fastbreak layups, Malwelbug was on the scene and did a great job handling the clean-up.

The Torchbearers' were inspired by the arrival of their mainstay, Allan Yu, in the second half and postured a possible comeback. Yu came out swinging in the third quarter and carried the Torchbearers' rally with his 11 points.

Agape clawed back to within a pair of possessions, 37-41, heading into the final period and tied the match just after

the start of the fourth frame, but Kagman, now with Lampkin on the floor, continued to hog virtually every rebound in the payoff period.

Kagman's press defense also proved to be successful and a lot of its baskets began to drop late in the period, as the winning team had the ball for nearly the whole time. As ball possession woes continued for Agape in the fourth, Kagman's Jesse Santos came off the bench and scored 9 points to back up Malwelbug.

Yu and Yang teamed up for

14 points under duress, but the Torchbearers could not make enough stops on the other end to climb back into the match.

Malwelbug led Kagman with his 20 points, while Yu topped the box score with his 21.

Notably, Kagman's AJ Jones and Jonathan Santos each chipped in 10 points, while the Torchbearers' Yang provided most of Yu's support with the former's 16 markers.

Meanwhile, the unbeaten Sonics were gifted their fourth win after a no-show from Chalan Kanoa Saints (2-2).

Other standings include Rollers 2 (5-0), Mariana Resort's Proa (3-1), the Oleai Ol'Aces (2-2), RBC's Rollers 1 (2-2), LD Prime (2-4), and Hi-5 (1-3).

The season continues tomorrow at 5:30pm with the Ol'Aces taking on Kagman. The "no pay-no play" rule will still be in

effect to motivate the last handful of teams in paying their outstanding balances.

Kagman 66 – Malwelbug 20, Jones 10, Jo. Santos 10, Je. Santos 9, Palino 8, Lampkin 4, Ebilane 2, A. Santos 2, Soriano 1.

Agape Torchbearers 53 – A. Yu 21, Yang 16, Ren 8, W. Yu 4, Chan 2, Ai 2, Li 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-9, 28-18, 41-37, 66-53.

Hustlers, Equalizers enjoy top view in SBA league

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Utopia Sports Bar's Blue Ice Hustlers and Bammy's Restaurant & Bar's Equalizers are currently manning the top spot in Saipan Billiards Association's 15th Budweiser Open 8-Ball League.

In the Tuesday division, Blue Ice Hustlers squeaked past the seventh-ranked 19th Hole Bar's Titans I (64-101), 8-7, at home last week and much to the former's surprise, they ended up snagging the lead in the standings.

The new frontrunners benefited from former packleader and two-time defending league champion IT&E Voyagers' 6-9 loss to sister team IT&E Incridibles (93-72) of Oceanside Bar & Grill.

The aftermath of last week's round left the Blue Ice Hustlers in first place with their 100-65 losses. IT&E Voyagers dropped to a 98-67 mark and third position.

In other results, formerly third-ranked Joe's Steakhouse's Docomo Pacific Home Boyz (99-66) wedged itself into second place after imposing a stout 11-4 home rout over Poseidon Bar & Grill-Caboose Team Crazy 8 (61-104), while Yuichiro's Printing (67-98) worked out a much needed 8-7 upset at home over Bammy's Triggers (78-87).

Tuesday division notables include Blue Ice Hustlers' Jerry Soriano and IT&E Incridibles' Chester Hamoy, who both ran the table five times so far this season, while IT&E Voyagers' Arjay Nonato and Docomo Home Boyz's Robert Sanciango each sunk the eight-ball off the break.

In the Thursday division, the Equalizers went into Wild Bill's Bar & Grill and feasted on Shark Attack (79-86), 12-3, to breach both a two-way tie for the top spot with 19th Hole's Titans II (99-66), and the 100-mark milestone in wins. The newly lone frontrunners improved to a 101-64 card.

In other results, Titans II overcame Jonny's Bar & Grill's Team SCS (70-95), 10-5, at home, while The Waterfront's Eight It! (92-73) crushed 19th Hole's Eagles (54-111), 12-3, also at home.

Thursday division notables include "Run The Table" leaders Erwin Gomez (4) of Team SCS and Eight It's Rey Pinangay (3), while Eagles' Ken Phillips and Equalizers' Jerry Soriano have each sunk the eight ball off the break.

The league continues this week with Thursday's pairings showing the Titans II posing as home versus the Eagles; the Equalizers calling over Eight It; and Team SCS setting up for Shark Attack. In the Tuesday division matchups, Crazy 8 will host the Blue Ice Hustlers; the IT&E Incridibles will face Yuichiro's Printing; the Titans I will invite the IT&E Voyagers; and the Triggers will meet the Docomo Home Boyz.

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lead after a Jun Estolas layup tied the game at 57-all.

Estolas had another chance to even the match, going into the last 1:48 of the game, but missed his triple. PIC then grabbed the rebound and Demapan attacked on the other end against the bluffing defense of Banjo Basila to up their lead to five, 73-68.

Mobil attempted for a quick basket, but Joemary Tumaquip's baseline jumper against the outstretched arms of Sutton fell too strong. Fortunately for Mobil, PIC failed to control the ball after the rebound play and Marvin Rabauliman turned the error into a basket to keep his team afloat, 70-73, with less than a minute left in the match.

However, PIC reclaimed the 5-point cushion when Barbo aggressively drove to the basket and made the shot. He and Sutton then teamed up in a big defensive play when they shot the door on a driving Angelo Fernando, who was forced to make a drop pass and Gil Gapor missed the leather.

With 24.5 seconds left on the clock and PIC still on top by 5, Mobil had second thoughts on whether to give up a foul or go for a steal. In did neither and PIC melted the clock to seal the big win.

The PIC-Mobil drew the biggest attendance so far this season and the two squads did not

disappoint the more than 100 spectators, as they slugged it out from start to finish of what seemed to be a "finals preview" tiff.

The match was back to square one, 14-all, after the first period and with Sutton saddled with fouls, Mobil managed to gain momentum in the first half of the second canto, as Marvin Rabauliman scored six early points, including a basket off an eye in the sky play with Estolas.

Sutton reported back to the game midway in the second canto and his presence intimidated Mobil players, including Estolas, who made some decoy plays, as the PIC center challenged his drive and draw moves. PIC went on to take a 37-30 halftime lead with Sutton making 6 points in his return.

The lead ballooned to as much as 13, as James Abuy regained his shooting touch in the third after making only two field goals in the first half. Abuy had 7 points in that canto that ended with PIC still ahead, 53-45.

Estolas and Rabauliman tried to anchor a Mobil comeback in the fourth, but Sutton and company saved PIC from collapsing.

Ashley's/Brabu 72, Fong's 64

In the curtain raiser, Ashley's/Brabu notched its third win in a row and improved to a 5-2 record after beating Fong's Bakery (1-4).

Ashley's recovered from a slow start and secured the win

in the fourth after making crucial free throws.

Ashley's was behind at the end of the first canto, 12-22, when Bernard Aquino and Brandon Talania combined for 16 of their 27 points to grab the lead at the break, 39-34. Ashley's hung on to the driver's seat

in the third and then canned four charities in the homestretch to thwart Fong's comeback bids.

First Game

Ashley's/Brabu 72 – Aquino 15, Talania 15, Manalo 9, De Dios 8, Inos 8, Norita 7, Paraiso 3, Cortez 2.

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8 points in the first quarter and then teamed up with O. Ayana in the second exchange to catapult the Lady Rays ahead at halftime, 40-18. Ayana led Southern in the first half with her 11 markers that was complemented by Duenas' 9.

The Lady Rays then sunk the dagger into the Lady Ayuyus a frame early and pretty much sealed the deal after amassing a daunting 58-35 margin in the third quarter.

Duenas then scrambled for 10 points in the deciding period before taking a seat, as Southern

coaches called off the dogs late in the game. She finished way on top of the box score with 25 points, while Ayana chipped in 15. Kagman drew 9 markers from A. Ada.

In the junior varsity match, Southern's Ongelungei and Francisco dominated the curtain raiser, as they teamed up for 40 points in the lopsided win.

Southern established a 16-4 lead in the opening canto and held on to its double-digit lead at midpoint, 17-7. The Lady Rays then pulled away in the third quarter, 35-11, thanks to Ongelungei and Francisco's 8 points apiece.

Struggles to find the bottom of the net continued for Kag-

AARDVARKS

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Though the Aardvarks ran the table four times in a row at Field 1, accomplishing the feat was a truly a hard fought effort. It downed the short-straw Little Boys, 6-4, in the first toss, survived Easy E (3-1), 7-5, and then edged the Dirt Bags (2-2), 7-6, before clinching the top

seed with a strong 7-2 finish over the Care Bears (1-3).

The Aardvarks then went on to bump off the fourth-ranked Care Bears again, 7-2, in the single-elimination semifinals and set its sights on its nemesis, Easy E.

Game point for the main event face-off was set at nine with the cap at 11 and a "must win by two rule" was added into the mix.

Fong's Bakery 64 – Pagarao 23, Tabora 10, Lerio 9, De Leon 6, Yalung 6, Caro 2, Diaz 2, Pantaleon 2.

Scoring by quarters: 12-22, 39-34, 53-51, 72-64.

Second Game

PIC 75 – Barbo 19, Sut-

ton 16, Demapan 14, Abuy 13, Abuel 9, Sublemente 4.

Mobil 70 – Rabauliman 18, Estolas 16, Ruloked 8, Basila 8, Fernando 6, Gamboa 5, Tumaquip 4, Sharry 3, Gapor 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-14, 37-30, 53-45, 75-70.

JUNIOR VARSITY

SSHS 54 – Ongelungei 23,

Francisco 20, Marie 6, Jerafina 4, Hofschneider 1.

KHS 13 – Olaitiman 6, Dela Cruz 2, J. Santos 2, T. Santos 2, Wasisang 1

Scoring by quarters: 16-4, 17-7, 35-11, 54-13.

VARSITY

SSHS 60 – Duenas 25, Ayana 15, Francisco 6, C. Bartolo 4, Cunanan 4, V. Bartolo 2, Indalecio 1, Ongelungei 1

KHS Lady Ayuyus 43 – Ada 9, Halsted 7, Wasisang 7, Mettao 4, Pekk 4, Kaipat 3, Dela Cruz 2, Lizama 2, Palacios 2, J. Santos 2, T. Santos 1

Scoring by quarters: 16-11, 40-18, 58-35, 60-43.

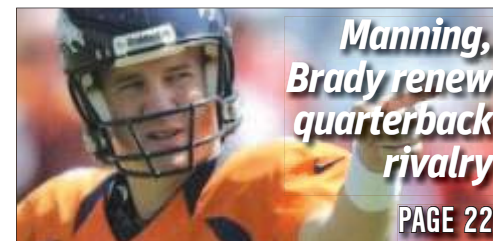
Foremost, and Zerox.

In addition, Aardvarks' Neff and Easy E's "Sunshine" Matthew Hiebel, also from Guam, were selected as the tournament's most valuable players.

Also during the awards ceremony, Guam's Sarah Versacae took the Most Spirited Player honors, David Steinberg was deemed the Most Fun Player; and Little Boys was hailed as the Most Spirited Team.



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PIC edges Mobil to remain unbeaten

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Pacific Islands Club survived foul troubles and Mobil's fourth-quarter rally to eke out an impressive 75-70 victory in the battle of unbeaten teams in the 2012 Emon Lodge 179 Basketball League-Docomo Brotherhood Cup last Thursday night at Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



PIC now has a 6-0 record to take the solo lead in the nine-squad field, while Mobil slid to second spot with its 5-1 slate.

Big men Brett Sutton, Darwin Barbo, and Bart Demapan played the fourth period with four fouls each, but instead of being passive on defense, they continued to challenge Mobil's shots to foil their foes' comeback bids. The trio delivered on offense, too, to keep PIC's perfect record.

Sutton converted back-to-back baskets midway in the fourth to bring PIC back in the



PIC's Brett Sutton powers his way up to the basket against the helpless defense of Mobil's Gil Gapor, right, during the fourth quarter of their game in the Emon Lodge caging last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Lady Rays dominate Lady Ayuyus

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Saipan Southern High School triumphed in dominating fashions against Kagman High School in both in the varsity and junior varsity games in the 2012-2013 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Girls Basketball League last Friday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

The Lady Manta Rays lit up the Lady Ayuyus in the junior varsity match, 54-13, and then Southern's varsity squad took care of business on the main stage and downed Kagman, 60-43.

Roxanne Duenas was stellar in her season debut and got her Lady Rays on the right foot for a 16-11 favor after the first 10 minutes of play. She tallied



Southern's Roxanne Duenas slashes to the hoop against a Kagman defender during their varsity division game in the MISO caging last Friday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

QQ takes last playoff ticket

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QQ Rent A Car caught the last trip to the playoff round of the 2012 DLX/Gualo Rai Invitational Basketball League after prevailing against Freestyl, 79-75, in a knockout game last Friday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

QQ and Freestyl played an extra game last weekend after posting similar 5-3 records and earning 135 points each in the quotient system in Pool B. Anjie's Boys (7-1), Gualo Rai (5-3), and LD Prime (5-3) had earlier clinched the first three playoff seats, joining Pool A's Brgy. San Antonio (7-1), Zhailas All-Starz (6-2), Blue Haus (5-3), and KFC/Taco Bell (5-3).

Elgene Mangali top-scored for QQ in its crucial win, firing 28 points, however it was Ker-

Aardvarks tops Mad Hatter's tourney

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The Aardvarks pulled off a sweep to rule last Saturday's Mad Hatter's Ultimate Hat Tournament held at the old baseball field in Marpi.

About 50 players and spectators, 12 of which from Guam, turned out to witness, not a smashing, but a mud splashing day of flying disc battles in the rain.

The make-shift group of Aardvarks was composed of Guam's Mathew Kane, Stefan Neff, and Alex Versackas, and Saipan's Adam Dekker, Rachel Epperson, Jordan Grant, and Travis Spaeth.

Based on the total number of players, organizers Amanda

Allen and Trey Dunn decided to form five teams, which had seven players each. All participants fittingly drew random teams out of a hat. As a part of the event theme, and to help assure a fair draw, the more experienced players were split up and issued hats that, as a common rule, were supposed to be worn at all times.

The event started out with a single-round robin with the last place team, Little Boys (0-4), being eliminated from the bunch. Matches were played under one 30-minute period with game point set at seven with a sudden death rule in effect in case of a tie. Notably, organizers set up two playing fields for double the action.

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Aardvarks members, from left, Rachel Epperson, Matt Kane, Stefan Neff, Travis Spaeth, Jordan Grant, Adam Dekker, and Alex Versackas pose for a team photo after winning last Saturday's Mad Hatter's Ultimate Hat Tournament held at the old baseball field in Marpi.

buried two triples.

Sison made another shot from downtown in the third frame, while Concepcion scored 6 points, as QQ withstood Freestyl's rally and saved a deadlock, 55-all, with a full quarter to go.

Concepcion continued to hit important baskets for QQ in the fourth to eliminate Freestyl.

Meanwhile, last Saturday's playoff games were cancelled and will be played this Wednesday. QQ will duel San Antonio in the second game, while Anjie's Boys will take on KFC/Taco Bell in the opening match.

QQ Rent A Car 79 — Mangali 28, Concepcion 16, Bondoc 11, Sison 10, Montes 6, Lansang 2.

Freestyl 75 — Brennan 22, Kenty 12, Detera 12, Yalung 9, Jacob 2, Alano 2.

Scoring by quarters: 12-19, 41-37, 55-55, 79-75.